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Labour gives Women new political voice

By JILL SHERMAN, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

HARRIET HARMAN yesterday set out her plans to give women a more powerful voice

in the corridors of power. She is to establish special cabinet and civil service organisations to concentrate on women's issues, and promises to promote policies that will help women not only to get jobs but also to reach the top. Her objective was to "create

bond of trust between women and government and to ensure that the Government delivers its promises", she said. But the initiative was dismissed as a girnmick by members of the last Conservative Government, who said that she was doing no more than it had done.

Ms Harman, who is both Social Security Secretary and Minister for Women, is to chair a new cabinet subcommittee for women, coordinating the work of all departments, and she will also see all economic and social policy papers submitted to other sub-committees to assess their impact on women.

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At the same time, a women's unit is to be set up to liaise with civil servants. That will be run by Pauline Barrett. who is being recalled from the International Labour Organisation in Geneva.

The new cabinet group will include most of Labour's senior women including Mo Mowlam, the Northern Ireland Secretary, Clare Short, Overseas Development Secretary, Tessa Jowell, Health Minister. Glenda Jackson, Transport Minister, Angela Eagle, Environment Minister,



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and Helen Liddle, the Treasury Minister. All are married with children apart from Ms Mowlam who is married without children and Ms Eagle, who is single. They will be joined by at least two men probably the Welsh Minister Peter Hain, and the Scottish Minister Henry McLeish. Both have families, but they are thought to have been included simply because there are no women in their

Women felt disconnected from government, Ms Harman said: "New Labour is determined to have a new dialogue with women in the country - women from all walks of life and not just those on the inside track - and show that we are a government for women and men." One of Ms Harman's first

actions is likely to be an announcement this week on the splitting of pensions on divorce - which in most cases will henefit the wife. And another top priority will be to work out a national childcare strategy so that women can take up employment opportunities.

Ms Harman is expected to encourage both the Civil Service and private firms to promote female workers whenever possible — although she has not decided whether to impose artificial mechanisms such as quotas. And firms will be urged to take on more parttime workers, provide creches and be more flexible about time off. Tax incentives have not been ruled out, although they are unlikely to feature in

next month's Budget. But Cheryl Gillan, who had responsibility for women's issues in John Major's Government, claimed that there was nothing new in Ms Harman's proposals. She said the Cabinet sub-committee was identical to that set up under the Tories and that under John Major officials in every Whitehall department had responsibility for women's issues.

Ann Widdecombe, the former Home Office Minister. said: "Miss Harman seems to be unaware we also had a Cabinet sub-committee which examined all legislation for its impact on women and discussed women's issues at regular intervals. All she appears to have done is to put a couple more spokes in the wheel. I am not sure it will make the chariot go any faster."



a man with a knife who attacked her outside her Kensington flat. "My immediate reaction was to fight," she told the Old Bailey. Court report, page 3

'Urban gorillas' are target of crackdown on speeding drivers

BY ARTHUR LEATHLEY, TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

A BLITZ on speeding is being planned to curb the death toll caused by motorists driving too fast. Heavier fines, stricter enforcement of limits and hetter use of cameras are among moves being examined. Existing speed limits will also be reviewed.

The campaign will focus on widespread defiance of the 30mph restriction in built-up areas to try to end the macho culture of the "urban gorilla". The number of road deaths

is falling, mainly because of less drink-driving, but the proportion of fatalities caused by speeding has risen; now there are twice as many speeding as drink-driving victims. Gavin Strang, the Transport Minister, yesterday signalled government plans to reduce the 1,200 deaths and 100,000 serious injuries caused each year by speeding motorists.

Ministers aim to make speeding as socially unacceptable as drink-driving has become, thanks to decades of rigid law enforcement and high-profile publicity. A E3.5million advertising campaign, being launched in September, will underline the dangers to children in urban areas, especially near schools where some local authorities have introduced 20mph limits.

The increasing number of parents taking part in "school runs" has raised concern that speeding has become an endemic part of life, especially among the middle classes. Government figures show driving at 40mph in a 30mph area is considered less serious than not having a television licence. However, official figures also show that while five out of ten pedestrians would die if hit by a vehicle travelling at 30mph, the number is nine

out of ten at 40mph. Ministers are understood to be concerned that inconsistent policing has encouraged driv-

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ers in some areas to believe they will not be caught. However, the Government faces pressure from police to be allowed to add an administrative levy to fines to cover the costs of targeting speeding motorists. Part of that money is needed to service speed cameras that often run out of

Police say that while cameras have made drivers more conscious of speed on motorways, major trunk roads and country lanes, fast driving has become more prevalent in built-up areas. The urban gorilla nicknamed by police, is described as a driver, most commonly male, with an Tapelike inability to understand that speed kills, especially children.

Baroness Hayman, the Road Safety Minister, meets the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents next week to discuss improvements the society has sought. David Rogers, the society's road safety advisor, said: "There is a perception that it is fine to drive at 85mph on a motorway. We need to make it known that people will be stopped and prosecuted."

The Government is resisting pressure to introduce draconian measures such as a national reduction in the speed limit, but is expected to urge police forces and highway authorities to reassess local limits to ensure they are realistic. "A limit that is perceived by motorists as being ludicrously low is less effective than one that is realistic," said a government spokesman.

Equally there are other areas where an old speed limit is too high and might not have taken into account changing circumstances."

Dr Strang told MPs yesterday that he had no intention of bowing to pressure to raise the top motorway limit of 70mph.

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Union strike threat by £600-a-week builders

By Philip Bassett, Industrial Editor

PRESTIGE building projects, thought to include London's Jubilee Line extension, could be hit by strikes if building union leaders carry out the first threatened national stoppage for 25 years. The threat came yesterday

after the unions rejected a three-year pay deal offering total rises of 32 per cent. Unions refused to say which projects might be affected, but they are understood to include the Jubilee Line, the Millennium project at Greenwich, the £100 million renewal of the Royal Opera House and the controversial Newbury

Strike action is likely to be concentrated in London and the South East because of skill shortages. Steel fixers are now paid up to £600 a week and bricklayers up to £400. Allan Black, national construction secretary of the GMB general union, said yesterday: "We are sleepwalking towards industrial action." The last national strike in the

building industry was in 1973. Pay rates in the national agreement covering construc-tion had become all but detached from real pay levels in the industry, and employers sought to reach a comprehensive agreement more closely in line with actual pay and conditions on sites.

The move coincided with a new push by the Inland Revenue in the construction industry. As a result, many building workers are moving from bogus self-employment back into full-time work taxed at normal rates, which for some has meant a 23 per cent pay cut as they moved back into the tax net. Building employers originally offered a four-year deal, which with consolidation of bonus payments would have given overall rises, by the end. of 45 per cent.

But the unions rejected this. and employers then came forward with a complex package which would have raised the current hourly craft rate in stages from £4.58 to £6.05. The employers also want an agreement to opt-out from the provisions of the European working time directive.

Malcolm Fordy, for the employers, said: "The proposals put forward were a wideranging, positive and constructive response to the

No further meetings have been arranged. The industry's present agreement, including pay rates dating back to May 1996, will continue in force until there is a new deal.

Labour MPs want fox-hunting vote

BY PHILIP WEBSTER, POLITICAL EDITOR

LABOUR's new MPs flexed their muscles for the first time yesterday by tabling a demand for an immediate ban on lox-hunting.
Some 120 MPs, many of

them newly-elected, added to the pressure on the Government to allow time for a vote on the issue, something that it is reluctant to grant so early in the Parliament when it is fully occupied with a heavy legislative load. They signed a Commons motion saying that the case against hunting with hounds "has been proven on scientific, ecological and mor-

al grounds". There could be no justification for continuing the sport and the motion therefore calls for the immediate outlawing of hunting wild ani-mals with hounds."

The move could embarrass the Government. Although a Bill banning hunting would easily get through the Com-mons there could be a prolonged confrontation in the Lords, which ministers want to avoid at this stage. They do not regard banning hunting as a priority and some senior figures in the Labour leadership actively oppose it.

Among the signatories of the motion is Michael Foster. MP for Worcester, who came top in the backbenchers' ballot benchers to introduce their own Private Member's Bill. He has still not decided whether to choose such a controversial issue and the whips have tried to dissuade him from

Labour has promised a free vote on such a Bill and Ministers admit privately that it would be hard to resist the clamour for parliamentary time to consider fox-hunting in view of the likely level of support for a ban.

have been suffering from jogger's

high". Some sports doctors believe that

this can be caused by the body

producing natural painkillers, or

endorphins, which are chemically

similar to morphine. People become

addicted to the sensation they produce

trainer," admits Gallagher. "I became

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Obsessive training knocks wind out of Gale Force

By SRIKUMAR SEN

BOXING CORRESPONDENT THE British super-featherweight box-

ing champion P.J. Gallagher, known as "Gale Force", turned into a gentle breeze when he overdid his training. So addicted did he become to exercise that he even got up at dead of night to go running, apparently while still in his sleep. Several times his girlfriend Natasha found him slipping

out of bed at night and getting into his tracksuit to go running. She had to lock

Far from making him stronger and firter, the training made him weak. Gallagher's condition became known only last February when, after three hard fights, he was beaten by Bamana Dibateza of Zaire, a journeyman boxer, who ended his unbeaten run of 16

"He kept all this quiet and told us

him. 'If you can't beat this guy, you haven't got a future, P.J.'. Then he tells us about this mystery illness." Tests showed that his levels of the male sex hormone testosterone had dropped well below normal. Dr David

about it after that shock loss," Frank

Maloney, his trainer, said. "It wasn't a

gale force in the ring that night. I told

Walsh, the British Boxing Board of Control sports medicine expert, put it down to over-exertion. Gallagher may

a trainaholic." After a three-month layoff, his testosterone is back to normal.

and work harder to achieve it.

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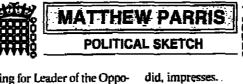
COUNT DRACULA. hearing Dewar contrives a blend of anxiety wolves howl, remarked: "Listen to the creatures of the night! What music they make!" To witness Donald Dewar and Michael Howard - dark and unsmiling circling each other with bared teeth. and duelling with stealth and eloquence, was to experience in all its mystery the music of the creatures of the night.

Is there a subliminal message behind the pronunciation Miss Boothroyd has adopted for the Scottish Secretary's name? Yesterday she called him "Mr Dour". Truly there is nobody more dour on the Labour Front Bench. Tall, stooped, hand-wringing, gloomy of countenance and mordant of wit. Donald

and solemnity, like a funeral director on the verge of bankruptcy.

In his sombre way he also possesses an acid brilliance as a Commons speaker. Yesterday the Scottish Secretary offered a display of his mastery at the Dispatch box. in combat with the Tory leadership contender, Michael Howard. There is, as has been observed, something of the night about Mr Howard.

This, then, was a minuet of ghouls. The spat was important for both. Dewar's referendums on devolution depend on the "guillo-tine" motion he moved. Howard's prospects depend on his performance in the days left before his party's leadership contest: he was



auditioning for Leader of the Opposition. Donald Dewar's spoken English is a pleasure to encounter and must be a joy for Hansard writers to take down. Without notes he delivers the sort of polished constructions that would be other people's third drafts. To write, in measured prose, "there has been an organised attempt - perfectly legitimately undertaken but equally legitimately met - to obstruct ... might not be exceptional. But to talk like that off the cuff. as Dewar

Ready on the Front Bench, Michael Howard does not sit: he crouches, waiting to spring. His text was carefully drafted and neatly typed. Comparing the Prime Minister with the young Robespierre ("who also had a fondness for the guillotine") he accused the Government of "contempt for decency, for debate, for Parliament

itself. Mr Howard speaks silkily

and with great poise, but there is

in moments of tension and anger hints at the game. Mr Howard's speech was im-

maculate in everything but its ability to convince us that he would not, himself, try the same tricks as those of which he was accusing Labour, Sir Norman Fowler (C. Sutton Coldfield), a former Cabinet Minister and party chairman who spoke afterwards, was less smooth: yet somehow you believed him.

Polish in politics can be scary; a rough edge can reassure. Angela Eagle, a new junior environment minister making her debut at the dispatch box yesterday, probably won more friends with one stumble something in the catlike pleasure he than with a stream of Civil Service

takes in debate that always - even jargon. She was answering a question about biodiversity. Losing her notes, she stammered: "It relates to ... er ...

Birds?" shouted a Tory wag.
"No, no, not birds!" said Ms Eagle, flustered. "Er ... sea

Later came a maiden speech from the MP for Conwy, a scarletclad Berry Williams. The beauty of Conwy invited "superlatives I may not have mastered in the English language, rather than my native Welsh". Mrs Williams, who made Llandudno sound like Eden, was more eloquent than she pretended.

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Mowlam outlaws terror groups as Ulster talks resume

By Nicholas Watt, Chief Ireland Correspondent

TWO breakaway terrorist groups that have launched sectarian attacks in Northern Ireland were outlawed last night by the Government as it stepped up its response to the upsurge in violence.

The Loyalist Volunteer Force and the republican Continuity Army Council were added to the list of ten proscribed terrorist organisations by Mo Mowlam, the Northern Ireland Secretary. Her decision means that anyone convicted of membership of one of the organisations could face a six-year jail sentence.

The crackdown on the terrorists came as the multiparty talks at Stormont resumed after a two-month break for the general and local elections. The opening session at the Stormont Castle Buildings heard strong condemnations of the recent wave of sectarian. attacks, some of which were launched by the two newly

proscribed groups.

The LVF was blamed for last month's sectarian murder of Sean Brown, a respected Catholic training officer from Bellaghy. Co Londonderry. and for planting a bomb in Dundalk, Co Louth, in the Irish Republic last month. The group was formed this year by

Roisin McAliskey, the IRA suspect. has depression and is to be transferred to a specialist hospital unit. A statement from the Whittington Hospital in north London and Ms McAliskey's family said she and her baby, Loinnir, would remain at the unit until she was medically fit to be discharged, and at that time the court would reconsider the case. Mr Justice Butterfield varied the terms of Ms McAliskey's bail at a private hearing in the High Court yesterday. She is fighting extradition to Germany, where she is wanted in connection with an IRA bomb attack on a British

hardliner expelled by the Ulster Volunteer Force last year after he voiced opposition to the loyalist ceasefire. Wright was jailed for eight years in March for threatening to kill a

army base last summer.

Although the CAC has been less active in recent months, its members have shown a lethal capability. Last July. at the height of the disturbances

Killyhevlin Hotel in Enniskillen, Co Fermanagh, with a massive bomb. The group calls itself the Continuity Army Council because its members believe they are the true representatives of the original IRA. The CAC is the terrorist wing of Republican Sinn Fein, which split from

Sinn Fein in 1986. The decision to ban the LVF and the CAC came after lengthy deliberations between the Northern Ireland Office and the security forces. Dr Mowlam took her time because officials warned her that banning the groups could add to their status among hardliners. Dr Mowlam pressed ahead

with the search for peace yesterday by insisting that the Stormont talks must move on to susbstantive political negoriations within weeks. In a tough address to the first session, she said a formula must be found to resolve the divisive issue of disarming terrorists, which has stalled the talks since they opened last

Dr Mowlam said: "If the talks do not move on to the substantive issues in the near future they will lose credibility during the marching season, and deter — and perhaps lose

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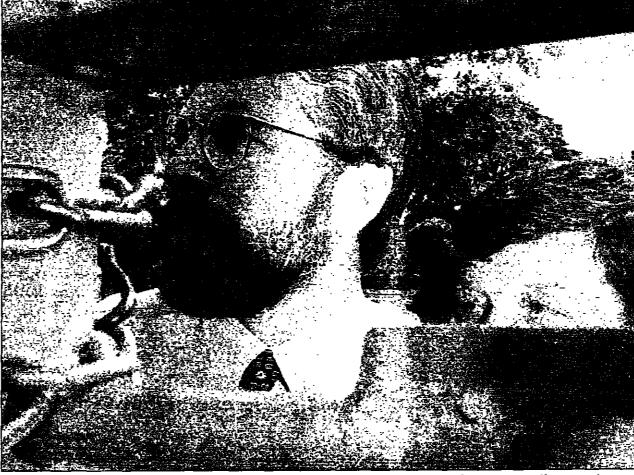
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Gerry Adams and Pat Doherty of Sinn Fein outside Stormont after the start of multiparty talks yesterday

generation of securing a wide-ly acceptable political accom-

Dick Spring, Ireland's Deputy Prime Minister, echoed her remarks, saying the talks were reaching a defining moment. He described the first year of discussions as a "deeply disillusioning spectacle for

The British and Irish govemments are exasperated that associates of Billy Wright, the the CAC devastated the - the best opportunity for a the talks have made so little wants the arms issue to be chairman of the Police Federa-

progress since they opened 51 weeks ago. It is expected that officials will draw up a paper to try to resolve the arms issue so that talks can move on to wider negotiations on areas such as relations between

The strong stance by Dr Mowlam and Mr Spring was welcomed by John Hume,

Northern Ireland and the

dealt with in parallel with discussions on substantive issues. However Unionists insist that the IRA must begin to decommission its arms before Sinn Fein can join full talks. Sinn Fein, which staged a publicity stunt outside the talks vesterday, will be excluded until the IRA declares an

unequivocal ceasefire. Before addressing the talks

tion in Northern Ireland over reforms to the RUC. Les Rodgers told Dr Mowlam that "you had hardly time to warm your new seat at Stormont Castle" when she said that reform was a priority. Mr Rodgers said the federation accepted that the police should adjust to changing times but he said critics of the RUC wanted to abolish the force.

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Lottery chiefs may resign over order on bonuses

By OLIVER AUGUST AND CAROL MIDGLEY

THE directors of Camelot may resign after being ordered to hand back their bonuses by the Heritage Secretary, Chris Smith, it was

claimed yesterday. Jeremy Marshall, a Camelot board member, said his fellow directors could leave for better-paid jobs elsewhere. Mr Marshall, who is also chief executive of De La Rue, the company that prints the National Lonery tickets, added: Tim Holley [the Camelot child executive only earned £75,000 more than expected under the original business plan, while the Treasury got

E400 million more. There is every chance he will leave." Mr Holley "would be very difficult to replace," said Mr Marshall, who is an unpaid Camelot non-executive director but earned £570,000 at De La Rue last year.

Mr Marshall spoke as Mr Holley and three other directors were taking legal advice over whether to surrender their pay bonuses to charity. Camelot appeared defiant. dismissing Mr Smith's claim that it was destroying public confidence in the lottery and declaring it had received only three complaints from the

public about pay. The directors, who received pay increases of up to 90 percent, were yesterday consulting a team of seven in-house experts at Camelot headed by the corporate services director Gill Switalasi over whether to defy the ultimatum to hand over the cash — about El million — by Friday, Insiders said the men were not minded to comply because they were abiding by the terms of their

Two of the directors, Peter Murphy, the Camelot finance director, and David Rigg, the communications director, are former De La Rue employees. Mr Marshall said: "Both are extremely good at their jobs.

They could demand at least those sort of salaries outside Camelot. The fear is that we will lose them."

De La Rue holds a 22.5 per cent stake in Camelot and received Elo million in profit from the lottery operator last year, it reported yesterday. De La Rue, a world leader in security and bank note printing, is responsible for Camelot's ticket paper and printing.

Another Camelot shareholder also stepped into the row yesterday. Racal, the electronics specialist which owns 22.5 per cent of Camelot, said dispute

'embarrassing". Sir Ernest Harrison, the 71year-old company chairman. threatened Racal could withdraw from Camelot if Labour made it into a "non-profit making organisation". De La Rue refused to rule out a similar move.

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Estate agents given warning as property market recovers

ESTATE agents who use sharp practices to exploit clients in the current buoyant property market were threatened vesterday with lifetime

John Bridgeman, Director-General of Fair Trading, said ne would not hesitate to use his powers to issue prohibition orders against unscrupulous agents. The warning comes as the housing market continues to recover with prices on average 10 per cent higher across Britain than a year ago. The recovery in London has been particularly dramatic with some prime areas seeing price increases of up to 14.5 per

As parts of the capital experience chronic shortages of available properties, some agents have been exploiting desperate buyers, according to the Office of Fair Trading. Mr Bridgeman said cases

cent in three months.

had been reported recently of estate agents taking fees from buyers to "ring-fence" particular properties and not pass other offers to the vendor. That amounted to making a secret profit, he said.

Under the Estate Agents Act, the OFT director-general has the power to ban agents from practising and can remove their consumer credit licences if they engage in improper, unfair, deceitful or oppressive practices. "I will not hesitate to use these powers where I find they have led to consumer detriment," Mr Bridgeman said.

Since 1479, when the Estate Agents Act was passed, 237 estate agents have been banned from practising. In 1995, nine estate agents received lifetime bans compared with 17 at the height of the property boom in 1989.

rose by 1.2 per cent in May and were now 10 per cent higher than a year ago, ac-cording to Nationwide Building Society. In some parts of London prices have risen by 50 per cent over the past 18 months, fuelled by big City bonuses and investment from the Far East

Woodhead gets full backing of No 10

Tony Blair gave Chris Woodhead, the Chief Inspector of Schools, a public vote of confidence yesterday, inviting him to Downing Street to assure him that he had the Government's full backing in raising school standards.

Their hour-long meeting attended also by David Blunkett, the Education Secretary, was Mr Blair's warning to teacher unions that he would override their opposi-tion to Mr Woodhead.

Last week the National Association of Head Teachers' conference passed a vote of no confidence in the chief

Rover scraps ad

The Rover car company has withdrawn a television advertisement featuring a blindfolded hostage being rescued after a diplomatic exchange in a barren landscape, Rover said it and the independent Television Commission had received complaints about the appropriateness of the advertisement at a time of hostage tension involving for any offence it had caused

Kids go to No 10

Cherie Blair is to mark Budget day by opening up the garden of 10 Downing Street to youngsters from the Kids' Club Network, which organises after-school activities for the children of working parents. The Prime Minister's wife has also taken the lead in ensuring that Downing Street's block of tickets for the annual Trooping the Colour ceremony will go to disabled young people.

Harrier jet escape

An RAF pilot ejected to safety before the Harrier jet he was flying crashed in the Scottish borders. The jet came down in woods five miles southeast of Newton Stewart, Dumfries and Galloway. The pilot, who was on a routine training flight, was able to walk to a nearby farmhouse. Another Harrier pilot ejected to safety two weeks ago when his Wittering. Cambridgeshire.

Nuclear des res

A fire authority is to reap an unexpected peace dividend as a result of the ending of the Cold War by selling a bunker which was originally designated a nuclear war control centre. West Midlands Fire and Civil Defence Authority hope that the concrete building, which has no natural light or heat, will fetch at least £100,000 because of its location in popular Sutton Cold

Jurassic tape find

A pirate master tape of the Steven Spielberg film Jurassic Park, The Lost World, worth an estimated £1 million on the black market, has been seized by customs officers. Two Scotsmen were intercepted at Glasgow Airport carrying the tape, along with pirate copies of five other American films. The film is not due for general release in Britain until July 18.

Airship lifts off

The RAC airship. Spirit of Mobility, which will advertise the motoring organisation's presence above British skies this summer, set off on its maiden voyage over Bristol. It will appear over major events, including the Henley Royal Regatta and the British Grand Prix at Silverstone, and will be used to spot traffic blackspots and relay pictures to the ground.

Exam abandoned

An exam being taken by 200 students was halted after 15 minutes yesterday because the answers were written on the back of test papers. It would have provided 60 per cent of marks for a first-year information technology course at the London School of Economics, but course work or an assignment to be completed away from the college will now be marked.

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A LEADING American curator has turned down the directorship of the Ashmolean Museum in Oxford five months after formally accept-

The city and and the arr world were yesterday rife with speculation as to why Dr George Goldner had changed his mind so suddenly. It was suggested that he had been dismayed to discover that accommodation was not included in the £42,000-a-year post. However, Dr Guldner said that was "100 per cent wrong".

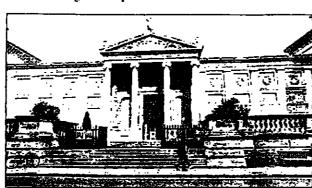
The decision to turn the Oxford job down, and to in New York, had absolutely nothing to do with flats and homes and apartments," he said. Finding a suitable home had proved difficult, but no more so than locating one in London or New York or any other desirable city.

The actual reason, he explained, was that he and his wife realised how much he was enjoying New York and his job as senior curator at New York's Metropolitan Museum of Art. "We both love New York and we want to spend the rest of our careers here. At the end of the day we realised our hearts were not really in it. We never intended this decision to be a slight against Oxford. We just want to stay here in New York."

Dr Goldner, 54, added: "Naturally, I wish I had taken things more fully into account in November, when I said yes to Oxford. I'm sorry if I've caused the Ashmolean any dislocation, but they know that I accepted in good faith. Now I realise it was a mistake. Isn't it better to say so clearly than to go and live in a place where you'd rather not be?" It was also suggested that



George Goldner. left, who says he will not now be succeeding Christopher White at the Oxford museum



his wife, Nancy Krieg, a successful art restorer, felt her business would suffer.

Dr Goldner, aggressive, articulate and feisty, is widely regarded as one of the most successful curators in America; his eye for quality is widely appreciated. He is a man of considerable private means, a classical style, and boasts an impressive personal collection of Old Masters. His appointment as Director of the Ashmolean last vear was hailed as a coup in Britain.

Oxford estate agents were reported to have been asked by Dr Goldner to send him details of properties worth up to £750,000 and within walking distance of the museum.

last September as she walked from the Underground Sta-

tion to her home. She heard

footsteps behind her as she

turned the keys in the front

door, "I went to close the door,

but did not do so in time," she

said. The next moment Adri-

an Rajaratnam, 25, charged

down the steps behind her and

barged against the front door.

"He managed to push it open and came straight through.

"As he did that he grabbed

me around my face and put

his hand over my mouth,

pulling me backwards. In his

knife. Twice he whispered in

hold and I managed to push

the door open."
Rajaratnam, of Welling

southeast London, denies

assault, false imprisonment

and possessing an offensive

Who can expect Europeans

to speak with one voice?

my ear: 'Don't scream'.

Only a handful met the requirements of he and his wife, who until last year lived in a Park Avenue apartment formerly owned by Diana Vreeland, the fabled editor of

Dr Goldner was appointed last autumn in a blaze of publicity as the man to take over from Professor Christopher White, who is retiring after 12 years. He would have been responsible for works by such masters as Holbein, Rembrandt, Van Gogh, and Picasso housed in the 17th century museum.

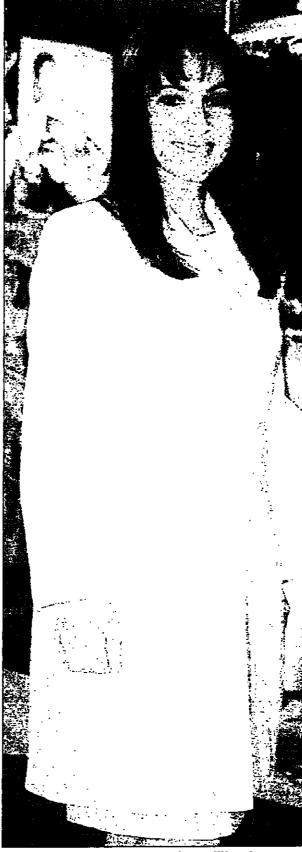
Oxford University, which owns the Ashmolean, said that Dr Goldner had cited "personal reasons" for pulling our Jill

the university, said: "We are obviously disappointed but we have to respect his decision. It's not an embarrassing situation. We felt he was the best man for the job but these things happen and it must be for a very good reason. We are now taking steps to consider who to appoint in his place." Observers in New York's

byzantine art world, however, have their own interpretations. A senior figure said yesterday that he was "not in the least surprised" by Dr Goldner's decision. He asserted: "Look. Goldner acquires. He buys paintings and drawings. He lives for that, What would he have acquired at the Ashmolean? Nothing, except perhaps some Oxford dust. Reaching out to students is not really his thing. It's quite curious that he should even have considered the Ashmolean in the first place"

Another observer suggested that Dr Goldner lost interest in the Ashmolean last month when it was rumoured that John Walsh, currently Director of the J. Paul Getty Museum in California, would be moving to the Frick Museum in New York. Dr Goldner. who was at the Getty before he moved to the Met in 1993 (leaving his heart behind, many believe), is known to be keen to take on the glamorous role of director at his curatorial "alma mater".

Dr Goldner's Oxford salary pegged to the university's fixed professorial scale - is appreciably less than the amount he is thought to be paid by the Met. Although the New York museum declined to disclose figures, experts suggest that he is likely to be getting somewhere between 150,000 and \$200,000 a year (£90,000-£120,000). He was, after all, lured over from the Getty Museum, which is a lavish paymaster.



Jacqueline Gold, the sex shop millionairess, demanded harsher penalties against stalkers

Phone stalker plagued Ann **Summers chief**

By Stephen Farrell

THE millionairess managing director of the Ann Summers sex shop empire demanded harsher penalties for telephone stalkers yesterday after an obsessed young man who waged a three-month campaign against her walked free from court.

Jacqueline Gold received dozens of calls on her office and mobile phones from Dean Bentley, 21. He rang from a village call box, falsely claiming that Ms Gold's boyfriend had paid his fictitious, drugdealing brother to "get her".

Bentley, from Heighington, Lincolnshire, even asked a friend to lake a knile attack on the 35-year-old businesswornan so he could come to the rescue "like a knight in shining armour". Lincoln Magistrates' Court was told

Ms Gold at first dismissed him as a crank caller but became frightened after Bentley's mother Olwen, 64, called warning her to take the threat seriously. It later emerged that Bentley travelled 200 miles to stake out her home in Caterham. Surrey, after finding her address on the electoral register. Sue Holden, for the prosecu-

tion, told the court: "This relates to what can only be described as a campaign of stalking by telephone." Bentley, she said, first be-

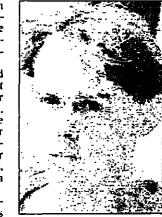
came obsessed in October last year after reading a newspaper article about Ms Gold. Bentley, said by his solicitor to be "living in a dream world, admitted one charge of malicious communication by sending a threatening letter and four charges of improper use of a telephone by making menacing telephone calls. His

of improper use of a telephone. He was sentenced to two years' probation for the letter, with two years' probation and 100 hours' community service for the menacing calls. He was also ordered to pay £100

mother admitted two charges

compensation and to live at a bail hostel. Mrs Bentley was conditionally discharged and ordered to pay £100 compen-

Ms Gold built Ann Summers into a company with an annual rurnover of \$40 million after taking it over from her father at the age of 20. She conceived the idea of saleswomen promoting lingerie parties in customers' houses. She was not in court to hear the verdicts but said in a statement: "Naturally I am relieved that the long ordeal is over, but I am very disappoint-



world, court was told

ed that the sentence has seemingly ruled in favour of the defendants. After invading my life over three months they are all but forgiven by the courts. which I feel is very unjust."

She said she had written to several MPs and would campaign for stiffer legislation on

"I have been very fortunate because of my business profile in that I have had unswerving support from Scotland Yard. How many thousands of women and men over the years have suffered from this life-changing situation and do not feel safe enough to come

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City trader tells how she drove off armed attacker

By DANIEL McGRORY

WHEN an intruder armed with a knife grabbed her around the throat as she arrived home from work City trader Karen Callenbach's only thought was to stop him forcing her inside her flat.

She could see the knife in his hand as her assailant clamped his hand over her mouth and pushed his way in, a court was told yesterday.

But Miss Callenbach, who is 5ft bin tall, kept her nerve.

Forced into the hallway of her Kensington basement flat, she began to fight back. "My immediate reaction was to fight. I just couldn't believe someone was doing this," she told an Old Bailey jury. First she prised his hand

from her mouth. Gripping the hand that held the knife, she edged her startled attacker back through the open front door and tumbled into the street. "I was looking him straight in the eye," she said. Her retaliation stunned the

intruder: fearful of further punishment, he turned and ran but was caught by a passing police officer. Yesterday Miss Callenbach,

28, who works for the investment bank J.P. Morgan, calmly described the evening

By ALAN HAMILTON

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Polar pair head for hot baths and beer

By ROBIN YOUNG

THE first British adventurers to reach the North Pole without back-up support were airlifted from the ice yesterday.

Dr Stephen Martin, from Ashbourne, Derbyshire, and David Mitchell, 34, a climber and electrician from Wasdale, Cumbria, enjoyed their first hot bath, clean clothes and beer since setting off from the Siberian coast 93 days ago, on March 3.

They covered more than 1,200 miles in 92 days, carrying all their supplies and equipment over cracking ice in temperatures of minus 50C. After their triumphant ar-

other hand he had some sort of rival at the North Pole on She remembers sizing up Monday, they were picked off her attacker and realising he the ice yesterday and flown five hours to Eureka. a scienwas not much bigger than her. tific monitoring station 600 "I was struggling to get back outside the flat because I did miles away. After washing, eating and sleeping they set off again to fly to Resolute Bay in not want him to close the door with me inside. As I fought I was able to struggle and as he Canada, where they were expected to arrive at midnight tried to pull me his hand came last night. They are due to fly away from my mouth. He suddenly seemed to loosen his

home next week. Laurence Howell, the expedition's communications and safety officer, said: "Both men are extremely happy to get as far as they did. They really did this for themselves, not for any weapon. The trial continues. | record or fame."



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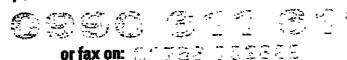
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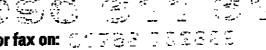


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should all speak Italian. Had the suggestion come from a Frenchman, it might not have been quite so gracious, Indeed, in a separate written question to the EC Pervenche Beres, a French socialist MEP, has complained that there is far too much use of English. The Italian submission

does not suggest which tongue should become the lingua franca of Europe. But Signor Nencini points out "Given that specific language characteristics need to be safeguarded including dialect forms, and given also that the process of European integration is forging ahead and that the adoption of a common language would help bring

both questions. Meanwhile it the member states to achieve this goal?" His question is wordy enough in English. It is unlikely it would be clearer in any of the Union's other native languages. Portuguese? That is only understood by the Portuguese,

Brazilians and residents of

Goa. Finnish? So impenetrable that the word for "taxi" seems to take up most of the side of the car. Esperanto? Never really caught on. The natural contender is English, but the proposal would undoubtedly receive a

resounding non from Paris. Mme Beres says the Commission is already favouring English far too much. For example, she says, when companies tender for EU research projects, briefings by experts are usually only in English. The Commission is still considering its response to

could usefully contemplate using the common language of the last European union. Latin might struggle a little to cope with the technical terms of the microcircuit age, but then so do Portugese, Finnish, Esperanto and the rest. And as for Mme Beres,

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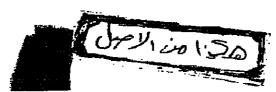
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Cancer research to benefit from sale of 47 volumes filled with 20,000 autographs

Legacy of man who signed up all the big names of our time

LIONEL WOLFE spent more than 60 years hanging around stage doors and slipping past security men in dogged pursuit of famous people. He was undiscriminating in his prey, dedicaring his life to chasing actresses, musicians and politicians with equal determination. The result of his obsession was some of the most extraordinary autograph books ever compiled.

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Mr Wolfe trailed every famous name that came to London and insisted on meeting them face to face before they signed his book. He filled 47 volumes with 20,000 autographs during 64 tireless years, creating a comprehensive who's who of much of the century. Now they are being sold.

Mr Wolfe was killed, aged 80, when he was hit by a car near his north London home earlier this year - on the way to secure yet another signature. Mavis Davis, his sister-in-law, said: "He was on his way to one of the theatres to get an actress. I don't know which one. At least he was doing the thing that he loved most."

Signatures of personalities as diverse as Winston Churchill, the Windsors, Aldous Huxley, Igor Stravinski, Margaret Thatcher, Cassius Clay, The

Beatles, Laurel and Hardy and Marilyn Monroe are there. The catalogue goes on with ric Cantonia and Chuck Bradman, Eric Cantonia and Chuck Berry Bonionia Science Catto Berry, Benjamin Britten, Edith Sitwell

and the Kennedys.

The books, packed with Mr Wolfe's own sketches of the people he met, are to be sold, as he wished, to raise money to fight cancer, which killed his wife a decade ago. Phillips expects them to make more than £4,000. The signatures themselves are not valuable but. unusually for autograph books, they attracted the interest of auctioneers because of the extent of the collection.

Normally autograph books are at the bottom of the pecking order," said Felix Pryor, the Phillips manuscript consultant. They are terribly boring things for everyone except the person who has had fun collecting them. But this was done to such a mad, extrava-gant extent. He dedicated his life to these books and they are compulsive

Mr Wolfe embarked on his life's work aged 16, when his father gave him his first autograph book. One of the early signatories was the great conductor Toscanini, who was waylaid



Lionel Wolfe: dedicated his life to autograph-hunting

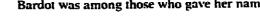
leaving a concert. Mr Wolfe's grandfather had been a violinist and the teenager, showing the conductor his sketch of him, piped up: "Sir, my grandfather played under Wagner's baton (n years ago, won't you sign this?" Toscanini took the youngster to his hotel, wrote down three bars of Beethoven's 9th, signed it, and thus inspired the next six decades of Mr Wolfe's quest.

In 1952, Mr Wolfe, who worked for a grocer in Piccadilly, explained to the Sunday Dispatch that he insisted on meeting everyone who signed in person and just waited until they came to the capital, "Everybody famous comes to London eventually," he said. He would prowl the West End, staking out stage doors, lie in wait at BBC headquarters and patrol Lord's. Wimbledon, race tracks and prize fights. He had tea with Boris Karluff and once broke through a police cordon to get George Bernard Shaw's autograph. He was not deflected by those who declined to co-operate. He finally

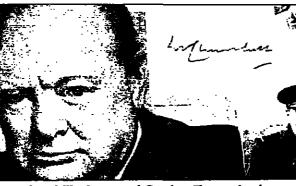
succeeded with H.G. Wells on the tenth attempt when the writer's arm was in a sling. "How can I sign anything:" retorted Wells. "You can write with your left," childed a female companion and finally he consented, writing his signature backwards.

Miss Davis admits he was obsessed. "It was quite a lifetime's achievement. The unique thing is that he met every single person. He always waited for them to come to London. His two regrets were that he never met Mother Teresa or Elvis Presley."

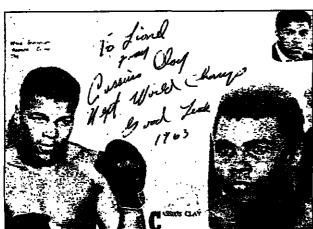








Churchill, above, and Cassius Clay, as he then was, both succumbed to Mr Wolfe's persistence



Value depends on rarity and context

By Damian Whitworth

LIONEL WOLFE's books are letter from Sir Winston Churto be sold as one lot but the most valuable modern signatures are probably those of The Beatles. Today the Fab Four still top the chart of most sought-after autographs.

A photograph of the band or one of their early albums

signed by all four members would fetch upwards of £1,000 at auction. Marilyn Monroe, Elvis Presley and fellow doomed stars such as Jimi Hendrix and Jim Morrison are in the same league. However, most simple ce-lebrity signatures are worth just a few pounds. Signed plust a few pounds. Signed photographs of Cliff Richard or Joanna Lumley would fetch less than £100. The squiggles of pop and film stars and sports legends such as Mohammed Ali, formerly Cascins Clay, acquire cachet Cassius Clay, acquire cachet when they appear on guitars or leather jackets, and the

cost of such memorabilia. With historical signatures, even more than with celebrity autographs, the value is dependent on the document on which the name is signed. A

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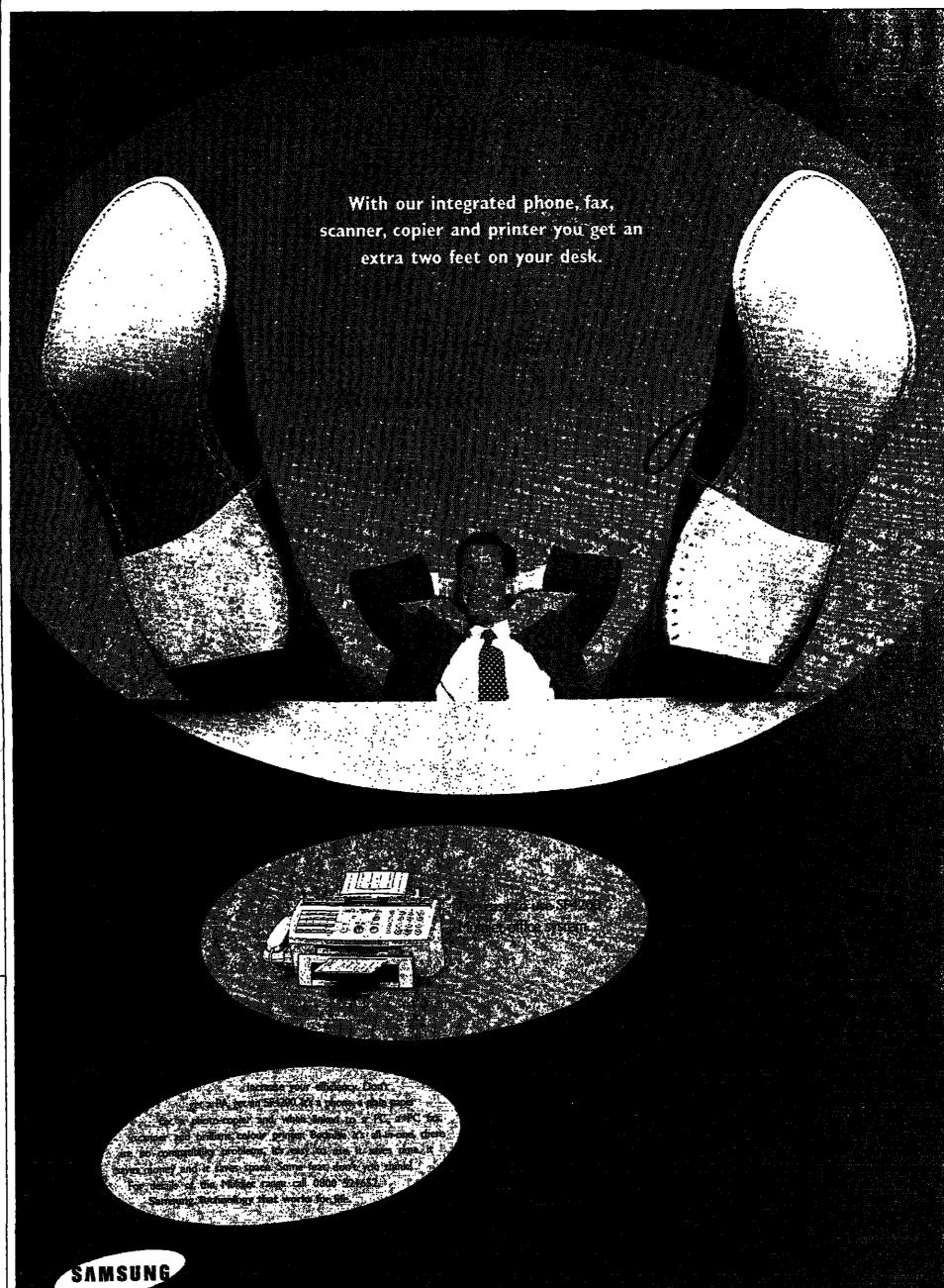
competition among themed restaurants has inflated the

chill written during the Second World War and mentioning Hitler would be worth tens of thousands of pounds, while his signature itself is widespread.

According to John Wilson, the country's biggest dealer in signed historical documents, if another Shakespeare signa-ture was discovered it would fetch more than £1 million. In the wake of the bard come Queen Elizabeth 1, Henry VIII and Sir Thomas More whose letters have all recently fetched well in excess of £10,000. Others likely to burst through the £10,000 barrier would be Captain Cook and American presidents such as Washington and Lincoln.

Sophie Dupré, another dealer, said that the content of the document and the histori-cal significance of the person was all important. "The most important and influential figures of the past centuries are what people want. Then it is a combination of rarity and desirability. It is always better to have a signed photograph, document or letter than just

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Government offers summer courses to young poor readers

By JOHN O'LEARY, EDUCATION EDITOR

ALMOST 900 children who schools. If the scheme is leave primary school without successful, it will be expanded reaching the expected reading standard will be invited to give up part of their summer holiday to eatch up. The scheme is the first stage of the Government's drive to raise literacy levels.

Stephen Byers, the Schools Minister, announced vesterday that the 50-hour pilot programme would launched at 29 comprehensive

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Allertonshire School, Northallerton, north Yorkshire Bartley Green Community School, Birmingham The Blake School, Bridgwater, Somerset Birchwood Community High School, Warrington Charles Edward Brooke School, Lambeth, south London Dyke House Comprehensive School, Lambeth,

Dyke House Comprehensive School, Hartlepool Earlsheaton High School, Dewsbury, west Yorkshire Falinge Park High School, Rochdale

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next year and may be extended to cover numeracy. Children who narrowly fail

to reach the reading level expected of 11-year-olds will be given priority on this summer's programmes, which will include incentives to ensure pupils last the course.

Teachers and qualified assistants will lead the courses. but parents and some pupils

will be invited to help with individual ruition. Each school will take up to 30 children, offering drama and outside visits as well as con-

ventional teaching.

Mr Byers said: "The first day at secondary school is a daunting experience for all pupils. No child should have he extra worry of being left behind in reading skills when we can do something to help." The programme will receive

£300,000 originally earmarked for the Grant Maintained Schools Foundation. which the Government is winding up. Mr Byers said it represented a "reordering of priorities — a clear example of how we intend to give priority to raising standards, not to a sterile debate about struc-

Professor Michael Barber, the government adviser who chaired Labour's literacy task force before the general election, said he had no doubt there would be a strong demand for places, "I would expect that many of these summer schools will be turning children away."

Girls at Charles Edward Brooke School in south London, where the scheme was launched, were divided over whether they would have attended, but supported the initiative. Several said they would volunteer to help this summer. Mary Mensa-Bonsu, 14, said: "I would have been a



bit upset about giving up my summer, but if it was going to help, I reckon I would have

Doug McAvoy, general secretary of the National Union of Teachers, said the summer schools were a "welcome initiative", provided teachers' involvement was voluntary. "If this initiative heralds a commitment to rectifying serious under-funding, restoring support services and reducing class sizes which undermine teaching, then it is a welcome first step.

Tony Turner, the head of Hartcliffe School in Bristol. school will involve singing

which is located between two of the town's largest housing estates, said: "At last we have been given some money to do something that could really make a difference. This enables us to deliberately target

those students who need

Mr Turner said he wanted to make teaching fun for the pupils, so the lessons would depart from traditional methods, where pupils simply sat behind desks passively absorbing information. have to attack this problem in a different way. Our summer

and dancing so the kids enjoy

the learning process."
Phil Turner, principal of Westgate Community College in Newcastle upon Tyne, said a similar scheme run by the school last year had been such a success that the 12 main feeder primary schools would each be offered five places this summer "People are quick to blame primary schools, but they have had a difficult job to do. They have been required to teach the national curriculum and have not had time to

concentrate on basic skills." The scheme also met with approval from volunteers al-

ready helping children to improve their literacy. Community Service Volunteers has been recruiting teaching assistants for more than 30 years. and places some 3,000 volunteers in schools every year to lead curriculum-linked programmes of counselling, language support and literacy.

John Potter, manager of its literacy programme, said: "An emphasis on literacy is crucial for both economic and social reasons," he said, "Kids often get bored in the holidays, so this promises to work well."

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Intensive tuition will last up to two weeks

By JOHN O'LEARY

ALMOST a third of H-yearolds fall into the group the Government is targeting for its literacy summer schools. Although test scores for English improved last year. 30 per cent reached only the standard expected at the age of nine.

Ministers acknowledge that a more concerted effort will be needed to bring the poorest readers up to the arget level. But they believe two weeks of intensive tuition could be sufficient for those

near the borderline. Tests taken last month divide pupils into six grades. with Level 4 pitched at the standard expected of an IIyear-old. Last year, 57 per cent reached this mark in English, but Labour's literacy taskforce estimated that 250,000 pupils were leaving primary school with poor readine skills.

The 29 summer schools will prioritise those who reach Level 3. Last year, such pupils could answer basic questions in a comprehension test, but struggled to generalise or draw conclusions from a passage about a boy's relationship with his brother. The tests cover a range of reading skills, including analysis and personal response, as well as straightforward retrieval of

information. Secondary school head teachers noted a decline in reading standards among Hyear-olds. blaming the demands on primary schools of

Stay-away children win legal right to demand costly individual attention

BY MICHAEL HORSNELL

SIX teenagers from a "lost generation" of children who say they were forced out of school by bullying and other problems launched a legal action yesterday to make a London borough provide them with "suitable" education.

The group, who have fallen out of

mainstream education for up to two years, were granted leave in the High Court to seek a judicial review. The five boys and a girl, all receiving legal aid, are said to represent the tip of an many other inner city areas. The test case could force local authorities to provide expensive individual education for children who, in some cases, have been offered school places but have refused to attend. Four of the teenagers, aged 13 to 15, were removed by their parents because of concern for their safety or because the children feared failure. Two others attend schools run by

charities which face funding threats. Nathalie Lieven, counsel for the group, said that Lambeth, which has more than 300 children lost to the education system, was failing in its duty under the 1996 Education Act. e told Mr Justice Collins: "There are large numbers for whom education is not being provided. One of the

difficulties here is that there are very few schools in Lambeth that will accept children who have been excluded or who have excluded

The judge told her: "It seems to me that you have grounds for leave to seek judicial review and I rather think Lambeth recognise it." The council did not oppose the applica-

Last night Lambeth indicated that it hoped to settle the case out of court. The authority said it wanted to meet the group "to ensure that appropriments are in place for the applicants, education. It noted the school. We have been refused the and there needs to be a safety net, judge's comment that the dispute three-year contract with Lambeth

over its learning-support service was perhaps the old story of Parliament imposing duties on local authorities and not the cash to carry out those

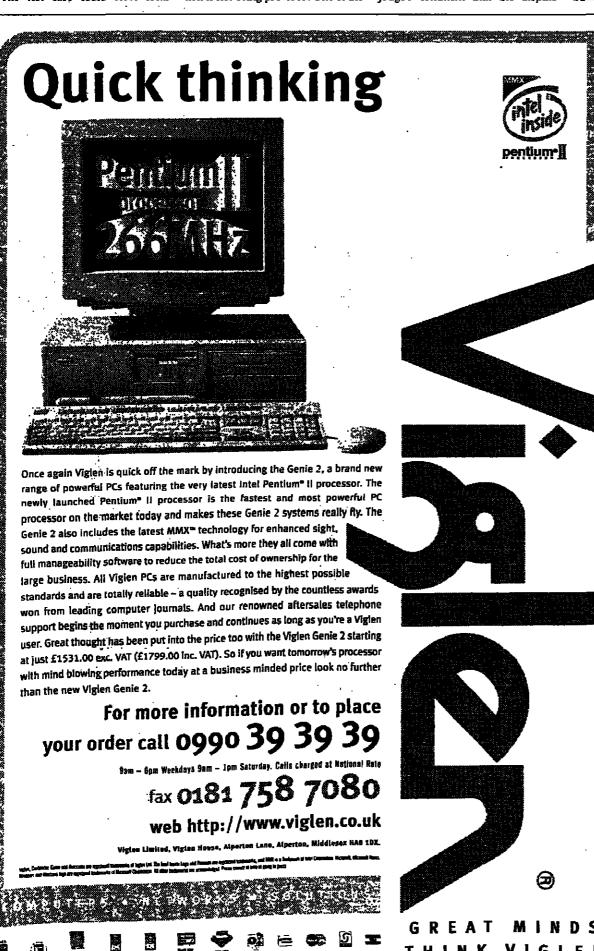
The charity Community and Voluntary Education (Cave), which caters for bullied pupils and others with a phobia about school, fears for its funding and backed the legal action. It provides full-time education for 12 students at the Cave school at Clapham, and literacy and numeracy units. Helen Leigh, its chairwoman. said: "Lambeth has a policy of no education for the 300 children out of

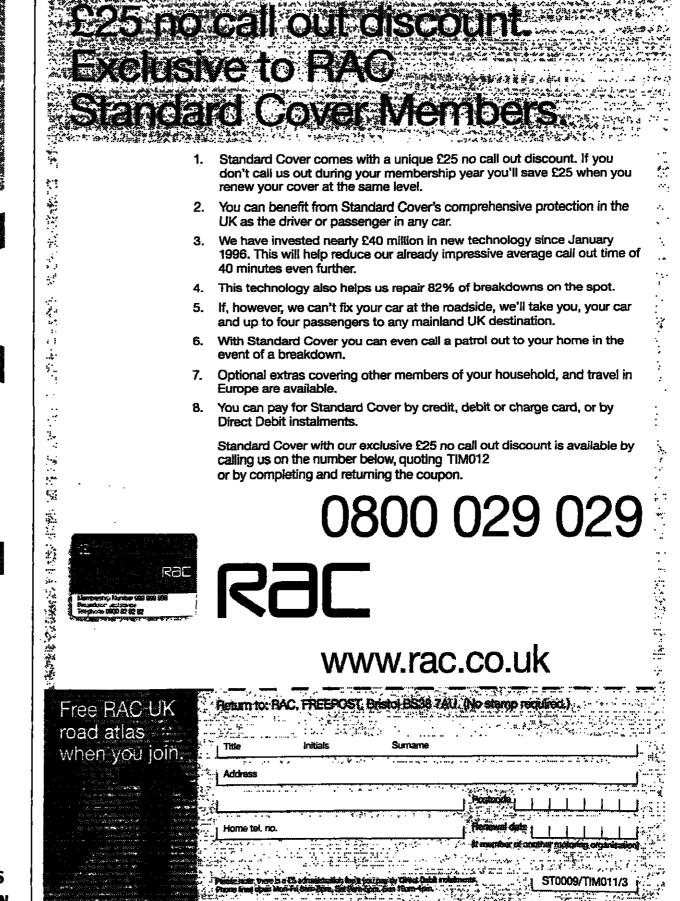
that we need." Monica Ubergs, 39, hopes that her son, one of the six applicants, will be enrolled at the Cave school, where he is on a waiting

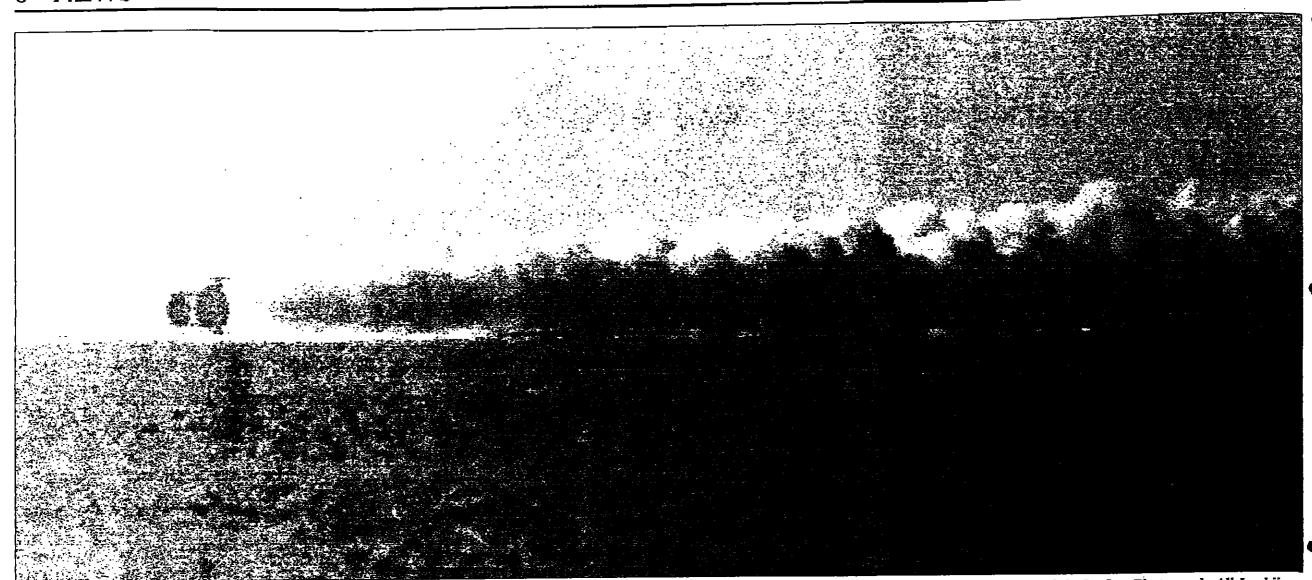
She said that she withdrew Kai, 13, from Kingsdale School, Clapham, in February 1996 after prolonged bullying: "He became ill at the prospect of going to school." Ms Ubergs paid for limited private tuition at home before her redundancy made that financially impossible. "I have despaired." she said. If have received no support at all from Lambeth. Children are being tarnished for the rest of their l



Two of yesterday's High Court applicants







Desert storm: the 10-tonne Thrust powering across the El Jafr mudflats at 490mph yesterday, leaving a cloud of dust in its wake. The team hopes to exceed 600mph in Jordan. Photograph: Ali Jarekji

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Thrust team accelerates towards the sound barrier

By Kevin Eason, motoring editor

SHORTLY after dawn yesterday, a police car with flashing lights and wailing sirens cleared Bedouin herders, their been going fantastically well camels and a convoy of dilapidated trucks from the El Jafr

mudflats in southern Jordan.
Andy Green, RAF Tornado
pilot, would have had little
hope of avoiding them as he hurtled across the desert at close to 500 mph, in the 10-tonne land speed record car, Thrust SSC.

Thrust's twin jet engin which produce the power of Phose will not be seen 141 Formula One cars and again until it is shipped to consume fuel at four gallons a Nevada in September for a second — catapulted him to more than 440 mph in little over 12 seconds. He peaked at 490 mph, a plume of dust streaking out behind him. after 25 miles.

Stopping the 54ft monster took rather longer. Flight Lieutenant Green, looking through the visor of his crash helmet at a speedometer calibrated to 1,000 mph, required another seven miles to slow down, even with a parachute.

The past week has been one of intense activity for the Thrust team, which has been striving to make up for a disappointing series of tests last year, when the car struggled to better 200 mph. Testing was then curtailed by the heaviest rains in five years. Substantial revisions to the car's rear-wheel steering and wheels have since made it more stable at speed and

easier to control.

The instability was a major concern for Thrust's engi-Flight Lieutenant nærs. Green is aiming to break the sound barrier, 743 mph, in the world-record attempt in America in September. One tiny deviation at that speed could see the car taking off or ploughing into the Black Rock Desert, Nevada.

Richard Noble, the current world record holder at 633.47 mph and the man behind the new attempt, said after yesterday's run: 'I want 600 mph in Jordan and with a

been going fantastically well for us and the car keeps on getting better. We have been turning up the speed notch by the car would be stable.

"The important thing was to understand what happens to Thrust at high speeds so that we can predict its behaviour

confrontation with Craig Breedlove, the American land speed veteran. His car, Spirit of America, crashed in tests last year but should be ready in time for the contest, in which the two teams will run on alternate days in an attempt to claim the record.

Thrust SSC remains favourite because of the power and stability offered by its twin Rolls-Royce Spey engines.

Andy Green is used to flying at 850mph," Mr Noble said. "but breaking the sound barrier on land is a quite different matter. That is when you need courage and fantastic engi-



Green: needed seven miles to halt Thrust

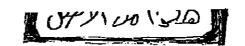
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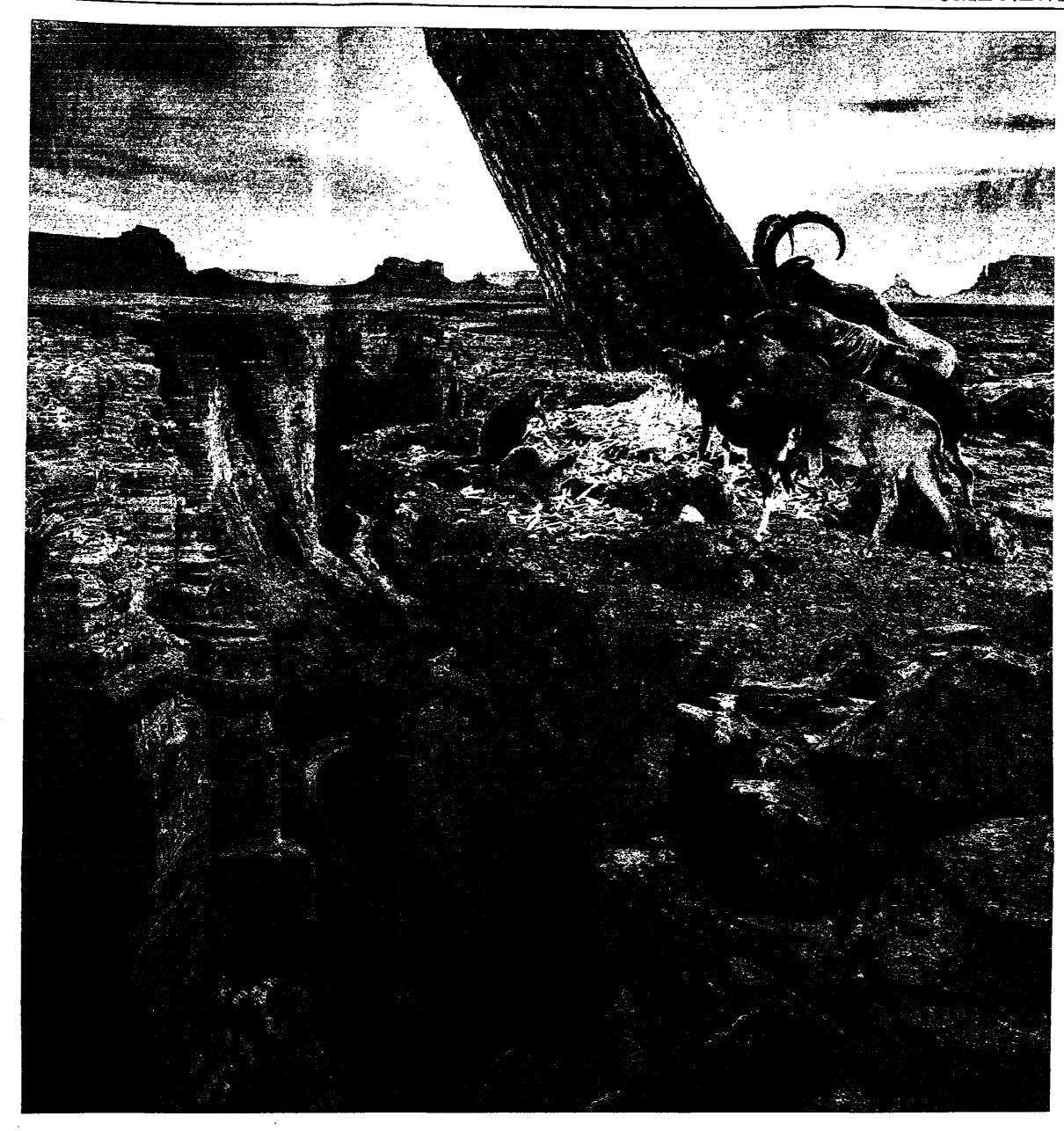
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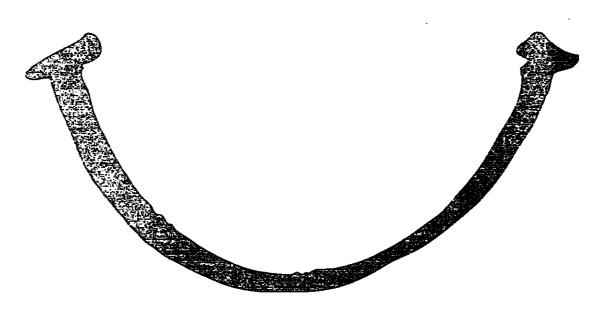
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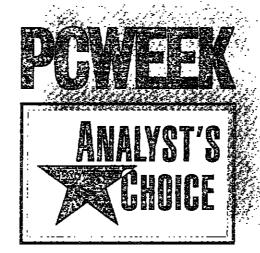
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IRA man tells court how unit set up London base

By Stewart Tendler, crime correspondent

A MAN accused of plotting to blow up London's electricity supply admitted to an Old Bailey jury yesterday that he was an IRA volunteer and detailed how a terrorist team was brought to England.

Gerard Hanrany, 38, and seven other men have pleaded not guilty to ploning to anack six sub stations which link the National Grid to London. The court has been told that if the attack had succeeded it would have left parts of London and the South East without power for months.

Yesterday Hanratty named four other defendents as members of the cell. He claimed they were John Crawley, 39 and a former US marine: Donald Gannon, 34; Patrick Martin, 35, and Francis Rafferty, 45.The other men on trial are Martin Murphy, 38; Robert Morrow, 37, and Clive Brampton, 36.

Giving evidence at the start of the defence cases Hanratty described to the court how the team took careful security measures in London to avoid contact with the public. They lived in areas where they could blend in.

Only the IRA knew where they were. He said the flats they rented only needed telephones which would take incoming calls to prevent any of the team weakening and

Hanratty told the court he became an active member of the IRA by 1979 after growing up in a Northern Ireland occuppied by British troops. He was imprisoned for 12 years for his activities and while in prison said he met Mo Mowlem, the Northern Ireland Secretary, and talked to her. He said he had also had contact with Sir Patrick Mayhew, her predecessor, and a Unionist MP.

He was released while the ceasefire was still on and told the court how Republicans became frustrated at the lack of progress by the Major government. He said he was sad and shocked when the ceasefire ended with the London Docklands bomb. Three months later he was

called to a meeting and agreed to go on a mission to England. He told the court he gave his commanding officer, whom he would not name, "a commitment" to carry out whatever orders he was given. They were shown maps, routes and documentation about power sources. He told the court of a dry run to a electricity sub-

Hanratty said: "The purpose was a dry run for what we were going to do in England." Hanratty said he went to the electricity sub-station in Ireland with his commanding officer, two others and "someone who had knowledge of the National

station in Ireland,

Grid in England".

He had been "fairly frightened". He added: "I had a
healthy respect for electricity and was fairly shocked by what it was like." He was taught to tape a box to a

was brought to England after spending three nights in different houses.

Hanratty said he arrived exactly a year ago with another IRA man. Both had false passports and £10,000. They took elaborate precautions to make sure they were not followed and met Crawley and Gannon. They then travelled separately to a Paddington hotel. Martin and Rafferty were to meet later.

He said the IRA suggested the sort of houses to stay in -"Houses where we could blend in. Not a high class, rich area or a high rise block of flats, but somewhere in town." The team was equipped with washing machines to avoid "the risk of going to launderettes". They wanted the minimum contact with the public he said. Televisions with Teletext were chosen as "Teletext tells you where security alerts are, where buses and Tubes are not going and where crashes are".



London is the setting for Jenn Crowell's novel, although she had never been

Author's age was a novel mystery

By Dalya Alberge

AN AMERICAN student. whose novel was written when she was 17 and was snapped up for a £500,000 advance, said yesterday that neither her agent nor her publisher knew her age when they were shown the

manuscript. Jenn Crowell, now aged 19, who flew into London to promote her debut novel, Necessary Madness, a story about bereavement which Hodder & Stoughton publish on Friday, said that her professor at Goucher College in Maryland had submitted the manuscript to his agent. "He didn't tell her my age. He was quite vague about me being a student. He had done that before for was his first for an undergraduate. We didn't want my age to factor into the submission process.

Mental patient who absconded stabbed baby

By JOANNA BALE

A DANGEROUS psychiatric patient was able to walk out of a hospital and buy a knife which he used to stab a baby in a random attack, a court was told yesterday.

Ashleigh Baker was lucky to be alive" after Malcolm Calladine stabbed her in the stomach with a three-inch blade in front of her horrified mother in a shopping precinct.

Nottingham Crown Court was told that Calladine, who has a long history of violence and behavioural problems, later told police he attacked the child because he wanted to be moved from the Highbury Hospital, Nottingham, to live

with his sister. Judge John Hopkin said he was concerned that Calladine, 39, had been able to abscond so easily. He ordered that Calladine be detained indefinitely in a maximum security

hospital Gregory Dickinson, prosecuting, said Calladine had walked out of an education class at the hospital saying he wanted to fetch a drink but did not return. It was several hours before staff at the hospital noticed he was missing.

He admitted climbing over a wall and making his way into Nottingham city centre to hav the knife before travelling to the Bridgeway shopping centre in the Meadows area.Mr Dickinson said the baby's mother, Norma-Jean Baker, was talking to a friend when Calladine approached. "He stabbed her [Ashleigh] in the stomach. She was very lucky that she did not die."

The 99p vegetable knife narrowly missed the baby's heart and other vital organs. Ms Baker pulled the knife out and a passer-by gave first aid. The child, one at the time, later underwent surgery and has since made a full recovery.

Calladine ran off after the attack but was tackled by passers-by. He later told detectives: "I wanted to kill a baby."
The court was told he had a

mental age of eight or nine and an IQ of 50. The court was later told that of psychiatric hospitals since the age of five and had several assault on children as well as a history of knife attacks. He was also known to have absconded repeatedly from different hospitals, including

Highbury where he had been since 1991, said Mr Dickinson. Judge John Hopkin said: "It is very disturbing to hear that somebody with that record is able to abscond so easily."

Mental health campaigners called for increased staffing levels. Mencap praised the judge for speaking out.

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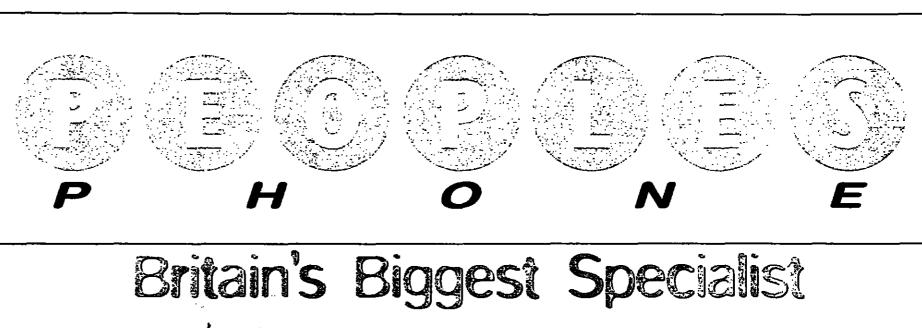
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Founder of Dateline died a reclusive alcoholic

THE founder of the Dateline dating agency, who built a multimillion-pound business by bringing together lonely people, died a recluse. John Patterson, 52, was a chronic alcoholic, too frightened to leave his country house, an

He had suffered the failure of two long-term relationships when he was found drowned in the bath at the home of his former wife, Sandy Nye, having consumed more than four times the alcohol limit permitred for drivers.

After the inquest, Ms Nye. 52, said that drink had ruined Mr Patterson's life. "He was such a dynamic and brilliant man — it was such a shock to see how he had deteriorated so much. He was in a very had way - he hadn't washed his clothes for a week and I was really shocked."

Repeated efforts to make him give up drink had failed. she said. She was unable to discover who was supplying him with alcohol and she sometimes found bottles of vodka hidden in trees at Chesterton Manor, his home near Oxford.

Ms Nye, who was divorced from Mr Patterson in 1982 and did not see him for II years. said: "It really is so sad what happened to him. He didn't seem to care any more. He



Patterson: bottles of vodka hidden in trees

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seemed bored with everything. I think it was boredom which led him to drink."

Mr Patterson established Dateline, said to be the world's largest duting agency, in 1966 after watching American students matchmaking by computer. The agency has more than 35,000 members in Brit-ain and was valued by Mr Patterson at £20 million, It is now run by his eldest son. Jonathan, 23, and Ms Nye with a staff of 25.

After his separation, Kim Sellick, Mr Patterson's secretary, became his common-law wife and they had two child-ren. They parted last year and Ms Nye, the mother of his first three children, began looking after him.

The inquest at Wisbech. Cambridgeshire, on Monday was told that on the day before his death in January Mr Patterson had left home with Ms Nye and his assistant. Mark Cowley, to help him to overcome his fear of going out.

That night Ms Nye stayed at her home in Walpole St Peter. Norfolk, and the men stayed at her other home. Elm Manor at Elm, Cambridgeshire, Next morning, she discovered Mr Patterson in the bath.

Nat Cary, a Home Office pathologist, said Mr Patterson died from drowning and chronic alcoholism and had probably slipped or fallen in the bath. The amount of alcohol in his body. 367mg in 100ml of blood, would on its own have been enough to kill someone who was not used to drink, William Morris, the Coroner, recorded a verdict of accidental death. Yesterday, Frances Pyne.

Mr Patterson's deputy at Dateline, rejected the description of Mr Patterson by his former wife. "As far as I am concerned, he remained committed to Dateline until his death," she said. She added that he had had no shortage of visitors to his home and was a generally happy man. "His legacy is a very sound commercial enterprise."



Matthews with son Jajie. Winter temperatures at her new home drop to minus 40C and the family shoots caribou from their windows

From Leeds to love in a cold climate

A British woman married the Eskimo who saved her father's life, Paul Wilkinson writes

TRACKING caribou and making clothes from skins are not skills an Englishwoman generally needs to bring to a marriage. But for Jo Matthews they are everyday elements in her life with an Eskimo hunter who rescued her father from an icy death after his canoe foundered during a

The scientist's daughter from Leeds dropped out of a zoology degree course in Aberdeen to set up home with Mark Alaqu in a wooden bungalow on the edge of a frozen wilderness near Hudson Bay in northern Canada.

Yesterday at his home in Leeds, her father Barry Matthews, 60, said: "It was love at first sight for Jo. Mark is a very nice person and 1 approve. He saved my life and he is a wonderful husband for her."

The couple first met in 1994 when Miss Matthews, now 24, joined her father, an environmental scientist, on a month-long scientific expedition to the Arctic, where he was examining climate change. She met Mr Alaqu. 29, at a party in the settlement of Salluit and joined the Inuit Indian on a hunting trip. She said: "It was a very romantic time. It was a beautiful day and the scenery was wonderful."

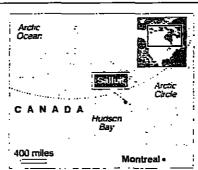
She fell for the young Eskimo but had to return to Aberdeen. Meanwhile Dr Matthews and his colleague Robert Nagle, were caught in a storm as they explored a fjord 15 miles from the settlement. Winds gusting to 60 mph smashed their canoe on rocks. For three days the weather was so bad nobody from the settlement could reach them. Huddled in a tent they

survived on wild berries and the

carcass of a rotting caribou. Then, as hopes began to fade, Mr Alaqu arrived in his canne. Dr Matthews said: "There was still a danger of the water upsetting the canoe, but Mark was skilful and brave and he got us back to safety. He saved our lives. We had run out of food and wouldn't have survived for

In the autumn of 1994 his daughter decided to return to Canada and Mr Alaqu. The following February a judge in Salluit married the couple

too much longer."



and they now have a 22-month-old son. Jajic. She said: "When I came to live here with Mark I knew it was exactly the right thing for me to do. I love him. It never felt like a big decision to make. I knew in my own mind I was making the right choice. I have been very, very happy living here. Jajie is our life. He is a very popular child. He is both our son and our best friend.

This is a good place to bring children up. Kids are the focal point of the whole community and get a lot of attention. Home for her family in

Salluit, population 1.000, is a wooden bungalow - which does have central heating to combat the winter temperatures of minus 40C (-40F). The villagers speak English. French and Eskimo, and the newcomer is now

fluent in all three. Her father said: "When Jo first went there she was against the killing of animals, but she had to change her ideas on that. They have to live off the land. They still eat caribou and there are 400,000 of them. They shoot them from the windows. The area is extremely remote, with

thousands of square miles of nothing. But the settlement is homely and thriving. The bungalows are built in a traditional French-Canadian style with a halcony and are painted in brilliant colours. Mrs Alaqu recently took her son and husband to see her native

Yorkshire. The trip was partly paid for from an out-of-court settlement of almost £1.000 from Boots the Chemist after film Dr Matthews took on an expedition to the Russian Arctic in 1993 was lost while being processed.

NEWS IN BRICE

Detectives name man found dead on beach

Police named the man found dead on a Norfolk beach last week as Donald Hamerton. 54, from Spixworth, near Norwich. He had been stabbed twice in the chest and police believe his body had been in the sea for up to four weeks. Police found more than £1,000 in his wallet but no identification and identified him by his fingerprints. Detectives are trying to trace his blue Volvo 240 GL estate. A woman aged 49 who had been helping with inquiries was released on police bail yesterday.

WPC claim fails

WPC Kath Brennan, 25, has had a sexual harassment claim dismissed by an industrial tribunal. A criminal case against PC Robert Bridle. a colleague at Halifax Police Station, was thrown out by Bradford Crown Court last year.

Falcons stolen

Peregrine falcon chicks were stolen from nests on the Northumberland moors and over the border at the weekend, Northumbria Police want to trace the occupants of a Citroën car with an Austrian registration, W292 RS.

Students on call

Lancaster University is to become the first college in Bri-tain to install telephones in every room in its halls of residence. Undergraduates will be able to make and receive calls and all cross-campus calls will be free.

WI goes green

The environmentalist Jonathon Porritt will address the annual conference in Birmingham today of the National Federation of Women's Instirates. WI members will debate a call for a government ban on the use of lindane pesticide.

Whisky blaze

The equivalent of a million bottles of whisky was destroved after a fire at the Loch Lomond Distillery near Alexandria, Strathclyde, More than 80 firemen took five hours to bring the flames un-der control on Monday night.

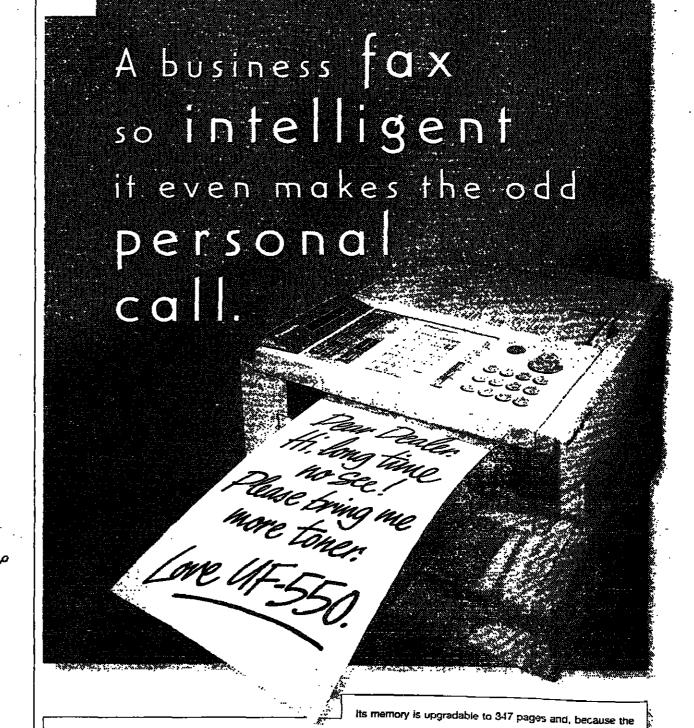
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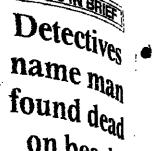
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Guillotine must not replace wider constitutional consultation The fuss about the imposition of a guillotine on the Scottish and Welsh referendum Bill is mostly, but not entirely, bogus. Opposition MPs always accuse the government of

the day of behaving arrogantly and anti-democratically on these occasions, when they did just the same when they were in office. There are several precedents for imposing a guillotine on constitutional measures, though Labour might have had a better case if it had allowed the Tories to let off steam for one day. But this does not mean the row is merely a lot of Commons hot air.

generating heat but little light. The affair has both an immediate and more lasting impact. In

the short term, the main significance is for the Lords rather than the Commons. Their lordships like to present themselves as guardians of the constitution. But this is largely a self-appointed role apart from their absolute veto un any Bill to extend the life of a Parliament. The interesting question now is whether the Lords will use the imposition of the guillotine as a pretext for amending the referendum Bill - for example, seeking to give the English the chance to vote, adding an addi-

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tional question and increasing the hurdle required for approval.

The Government and the Opposition are currently manoeuvring round each other in the Lords. The Conservatives, of course, have the numbers easily to out-vote Labour whenever they want, even if the Liberal Democrats back the Government. Tory peers have often defeated the proposals of a Labour Government in the past. During the Queen's Speech dehate, Lord Richard, Leader of the

Lords, gave an explicit warning to the Opposition that the Government had a mandate and, in particular, "we do have the clear and unmistakable consent of the British people for our proposals

for devolution". Lord Cranborne, the Tory leader, has accepted the so-called Salisbury convention that the Lords does not vote against the second reading of Bills that appeared in the governing party's election manifesto. This was devised by his grandfather when he was in a similar position after the Labour landslide in 1945. However, as Lord Cranborne said, the

flected from what they see to be their duty: to exercise their judgment, to improve, to amend and to scrutinise legislation". This leaves ample scope for interpretation. One peer's constructive amendment is another's wrecking tactic. And, of course, in the background is Labour's promise to end the

voting right of hereditary peers. which was not in the Queen's Speech but is still in the long-term programme. So the Tories will not want to overreach themselves, and risk a populist Labour campaign for abolition. At present, Tory leaders in the Lords are being

cautious and not threatening a "Peers versus the People" row,"

What all this shows is the unsatisfactory way that constitutional measures are considered by Parliament. There is general agreement that these should be considered differently from other Bills, hence the convention that their committee stages should be on the floor of the House. But all parties now accept that approval of constitutional changes should involve more than just a Commons majority won by the Government. Their recent election manifestos promised referendums on a single currency and/or other

constitutional changes. This inplies a degree of formal extraparliamentary entrenchment going beyond traditional notions

of parliamentary sovereignty. The Government is entitled to impose a guillotine on the referendum Bill, which is, after all, only a preliminary measure. But it needs to be careful, and not just because of the already apparent risks of winner-takes-all triumphalism. Ministers also need to consider new ways of considering constitutional measures, instead of just relying on their huge majority.

PETER RIDDELL

Ministers warned of long haul for referendum Bill

By POLLY NEWTON, POLITICAL REPORTER

THE Government is bracing itself for a battle with Tory peers over legislation providing for a referendum on Scottish devolution after limiting the time MPs had to debate the move.

The suggestion that the Lords will subject the referendum Bill to detailed and timeconsuming scrutiny - jeopardising the September vote planned by the Government -came yesterday after Tory MPs expressed their anger that discussions on it in the Commons were curtailed.

Among those attacking the imposition of a "guillotine" on MPs was Michael Howard, the former Home Secretary, who accused ministers of treating the House in an "arrogant and dismissive" way. He said that when Ann Taylor, the Leader of the Hosue, announced on Monday evening that the debate would be subject to a guillotine, there was a "sniggering response" from Labour members

"It was the palpable self-satisfaction of a group who clearly felt: We are the masters now."

Chief Whip in the Lords, said there was a great deal of frustration at the way the Government was "riding roughshod" over Parliament. When a Bill was guillotined in

the Commons, preventing parts of it from being debated. there was a view that the Lords should give those parts greater scrutiny than perhaps would have otherwise been the case". The Lords might also table

any number of amendments. Lord Strathelyde said: "We haven't yet decided how long the Bill will have in committee in the House of Lords . . . The Government is under no illusion that we are going to clear this Bill in a couple of days. We know it's going to take a long time. People expect that. That's what the House of Lords is for."

He said the Government clearly had a mandate for its referendum, but questioned why it had to happen so

Donald Dewar, the Scottish Secretary, said he hoped "very much" that Tory peers would not delay the Bill unnecessarily. "It would be ill-advised for Lord Strathchyde, the Tory them to do so in terms of

public perception over their role," he said.

In the Commons debate on the Bill. Mr Dewar said there were precedents for the imposition of guillotines on important Bills. "We cannot have it perpetrated that this has never been done before and that this is some sort of jungle territory we are plunging into where democracy will die among the snakes."

The Tories had attempted "an exercise in obstruction" by tabling more than 200 amendments and the Government had responded by making sure the Bill was not lost because of time pressures. He said the Bill was simply a "paving measure".

Mr Dewar refused to give any assurance that no guillotine would be used during the debate on devolution itself, or that a Bill to set up a Scottish parliament would be debated in the Commons chamber rather than in committee.

The prospect of a row in the Lords over the Scottish referendum came as John Major revealed that most of the Tory big guns, including himself and Michael Heseltine, have been meeting to plan the



party's response to the Government's devolution plans. The committee includes four

of the Tory leadership challengers and the former Northern Ireland Minister Michael Ancram, a Scot who has been tipped to take over the role of Stephen Dorrell, Viscount Shadow Scottish Secretary in Cranborne. William Hague,

the absence of any Scottish Tory MPs. The MPs and peers on the committee are Mr Major, Mr Heseltine, Mr Howard. Mr Ancram, Kenneth Clarke, Michael Howard, Brian Mawhinney,

Alastair Goodlad and Lord Strathclyde. Also on the committee are Audrey Hull, chairman Wales region, Paul Valerio, vice-chairman Wales region, Miss Annabel Goldie, chairman of the Scottish Tory party and David McLetchie, president of the Scottish party.

Fringe parties may seize Irish levers of power

By Audrey Magee, ireland correspondent

and a handful of independents power in the next Irish govern-

With the government and opposition coalition parties running neck and neck, attention is turning to what the smaller parties would seek if the main parties fail to make up the required majority in Friday's general election.

The Green Party, which appears on course to win up to four of the 100 seats on offer. would not say yesterday whether it would join the government coalition of Fine Gael, Labour and the Democratic Left or the opposition parties of Fianna Fail and Progressive Democrats.

John Gormley, the former Lord Mayor of Dublin who is standing for the Green Party in Dublin South East, says it would side with the parties promising a referendum on maintaining Irish neutrality. It will also seek commitments to the introduction of increased taxes on natural resources and pesticides.

The Green Party is expected to attract floating voters who supported Labour at the last election in 1992. Trevor Sergent, the party's only sitting MP, is likely to be returned to North Dublin.

THE Green Party, Sinn Fein There is a strong chance that the Greens will take seats Democrats. Michael McDowell losing to Mr Gormley and Liz O'Donnell losing to Gerry

Boland in Dublin South. The government parties are receptive to the inclusion of the Green Party in their rainbow coalition. Bertie Ahern, the Fianna Fail leader, has ruled out anything other than a twoparty coalition.

With government parties trailing by only four percentage points, only independents rather than a party might be required to secure the majority of 83 seats. In the last election there were 108 independents. including anti-abortion candidates standing for seats. This year the figure has risen to 149, with people standing against immigration, water charges and satellite television, and in favour of nudist beaches.

One of the most influential independent members of the Dail is expected to be Michael Lowry, the former Fine Gail minister. He was struck off the party list after it emerged that he had received thousands of pounds in untaxed income from the supermarket tycoon Ben Dunn. He is expected to come first or second in North

Tory leadership: contest enters final phase with many MPs keeping their intentions hidden

Parkinson boosts Hague campaign

By Andrew Pierce, political correspondent

LORD PARKINSON issued a ringing endorsement of William Hague's Tory party leadership campaign yesterday when he accorded him the ultimate Thatcherite accolade: "He is one of us".

The backing of Lord Parkin-

an important boost to Mr Hague. The announcement was carefully timed to come only 24 hours after Mr Hague had met Baroness Thatcher. Lord Parkinson, who confirmed he had been approached by several other right-wing candidates, said it had been a difficult choice as he had worked with the others. "But we approaching into a new era and a new century. he said. He then borrowed

Not that Lady Thatcher

necessarily agrees. The former Prime Minister telephoned one senior rightwinger vesterday and apparently asked: "Is William Hague a rightwinger?" Lord Parkinson, wever, was in no doubt. "He is firmly in the best centre-right tradition," he said. "It's very important that a centre-right person wins."

He conceded that Mr

Hague was very young to be leader, but He added: "See what Mr Blair had achieved by the time he was 36, and you see that he compares less favourably. William was the youngest Cabinet minister for decades. He has out-performed Blair at every stage in their chosen careers so far."

One of Mr Hague's rivals. John Redwood, stepped up his campaign yesterday with the publication of his own shadow Budget. He urged Gordon Brown to announce a £2.5 billion cut in public spending when he announces his Bud-



Thatcherite terms

get on July 2. He said that it could be paid for by scrapping English regional government, expanding privatisation and waging war on social security

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"Out of these savings he could increase spending on health by £600 million and on schools by E400 million . . The electorate made their views clear when they rejected our spending plans on May I. Conservatives have learnt from the election, yet Labour remains wedded to the spending plans they inherited from

Rival camps target the floating fifty POLITICAL EDITOR

THE voting intentions of at least 50 Tory MPs were un-

known to the camps of the six contenders to replace John Major as the campaign for the first ballot entered its last Those MPs will, of course, eventually be crucial to the

outcome. But over the next six days the candidates will seek their help for clearing the first hurdle. They will be franticalcanvassed and courted as the candidates strive to ensure that their showing in the first round next Tuesday is respect-able enough for them to move on to the second a week later, before a possible run-off between the two front-runners two days after that.

A battle for supremacy is being played out on the Right. Its four representatives — Michael Howard, Peter Lilley, John Redwood and William Hague - know that they must finish in the first three places next Tuesday, or at least come a very good fourth, to have a serious chance of ultimate

places almost certain to be taken by Kenneth Clarke, the former Chancellor and apparent frontrunner, disappointment is certain for some. The sixth candidate is Stephen Dorrell, who is believed to be trailing the field.

The view at Westminster is that Mr Hague and Mr Lilley are ahead of Mr Howard and Mr Redwood, but not by a substantial amount. Under the complicated elec-

tion rules there is no requirement on anyone to drop out after the first ballot. But it would be pointless for the candidates in fifth and sixth place to expect to do any better in the second ballot, and there would be serious doubt as to whether the fourth-placed candidate could improve his position. The key issue that the contenders will be pondering will be whether they should throw in the towel if they fail to finish in the first three next week. And the key question for MPs will be to whom should they switch their support if their first choices drop out. In a hypothetical situation

June 10: First ballot June 17: Second ballot June 19: Final ballot

where Mr Clarke led the contest with 50 votes, with Mr Hague on 30 and Mr Lilley on 26, a fourth-placed Mr Howard on 24 votes might well feel it was worth carrying on in the hone of picking up some of Mr. Redwood's 20 votes (assuming of course that he stood down)

or Mr Dorrell's 10.

But if Mr Howard were well behind, he might well decide that the way to avoid humiliation in the second ballot would be to stand down. He would also be freeing his own supporters to choose again from the remaining candidates. Yesterday, however, friends of the former Home Secretary re adamant. He would be in the second ballot whatever the result of the first because he felt he could count on votes from supporters of the less favoured candidates.

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the backers of the candidates who pull out after the first or second ballots. The commonly held opinion on the Right is that in the end enough of the votes of its four contenders

> Mr Clarke is defeated in the final round. Others are not so sure. They say that if Mr Clarke were to be well ahead on the first round he could go on to eventual victory through gaining the support of non-ideologues and centrists who see him as the best candidate to rough up Tony Blair over the

will combine to ensure that

next few years. MPs will spend next week end weighing their choices. They will consider what is best for their party, but they would not be human if they did not consider, too, what was best for their own prospects. What would, for example, be the best course for a middle-aged former middle-ranking minister who still has aspirations to making the Cabinet under the next Tory government? He might think that he would

vear-old Mr Clarke than the %-vear-old Mr Hague

And would Mr Hague's supporters necessarily want to fall in behind Mr Lilley in a final run-off if he narrowly beats their man? Several have already made plain privately that in those circumstances

they would favour Mr Clarke. It adds up to one of the most fascinating and unpredictable leadership elections in any party for decades. The contenders can make claims but no one can really tell at this stage. A final run-off between Mr Clarke and Mr Hague looks the most likely outcome.



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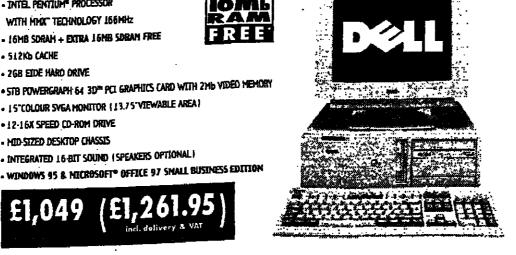
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Deal over EU veto clears way for new Union treaty

BRITAIN yesterday agreed with its European partners the outline of a deal which would let the European Union run its foreign policy partly through majority decision-making rather than unanimity.

The understanding, which member states retain the right to apply a veto over national interest, clears one of the remaining hurdles in the path to a revamped Union treaty. This is to be clinched by EU leaders in Amsterdam in a

While the Government accepts majority voting in certain new oreas, it has, like its Conservative predecessor, resisted pressure to dilute the veto in foreign policy, immigration and other areas of sovereign policy. British officials insisted that the new mechanism effectively meant a possible veto continued to apply to all areas of foreign

noticy. The Dutch Government, which holds the current EU presidency, was optimistic after the final ministertal negotiating session before Amsterdam that "Maastricht II" would be completed on schedule. While the election of a French Socialist government has transformed the outlook for monetary union, it is not expected to reopen much debate on the new EU treaty.

Lionel Jospin, the new Prime Minister, is expected to insist on a beefed-up version of the "employment chapter", a section which has been insert-

European decision-making will be easier under a agreement made yesterday — but Britain insists on keeping an emergency brake for foreign policy issues

Germany, backed by Britain, is opposing one clause in an otherwise anodyne text that merely commits states to observing guidelines on employment policy and submitting the national record to EU review. The disputed passage promises financial incentives" for states to promote full

Bonn refuses to contemplate spending any more EU money, especially in a field which it considers national, rather than EU, business. While the Government now backs the employment chapter. Robin Cook, the Foreign Secretary, says he shares Germany's misgivings.

Nothing could illustrate better the gulf between France's left-wing Government and

sermon at an open-air Mass.

Gniezno, Poland: The Pope said yesterday that a wall of economic and political selfishness as

divisive as the Berlin Wall was threatening

another invisible one has been discovered, one

that continues to divide our continent, the wall

that exists in people's hearts," he said in a

The pontiff, on the fourth day of an II-day

Since the collapse of the visible wall,

Britain's than the manoeuvring over the employment chapter. Tony Blair persuaded his fellow leaders last month

to insert commitments to a

flexible, market-oriented em-

ntovment policy.

This irritated the former Gaullist Government and, according to French officials, is disliked by the Socialists, who came to power promising a state that would impose stronger regulation on market forces. The EU business world was alarmed at moves yesterday by the French state, which owns 51 per cent of Renault, to force the car maker to reverse its decision to close its Belgian factory at Vilvoorde, near Brussels. The sudden closure

was denounced by Socialists

across the Continent as a

Pope condemns 'the wall of division'

Europe", or EU's social M Jospin is expected to make big political play with the employment chapter as

proof that he is carrying out his mandate to make jobs the overriding priority of his Government. Elisabeth Guigou, a former Socialist minister and likely member of the new Jospin Cabinet, yesterday insisted on the need for an employment chapter. Helmut Kohl, the German Chancellor, said Bonn officials would probably acquiesce in the name of harmony with its main European partner.

Germany, almost alone now in its commitment to a euro launched with absolute monetary rigour, is resisting M Jospin's demands for an "economic government" of Europe to match the monetary powers of the future European Central Bank.

The compromise on foreign policy is aimed at solving a widely agreed acceptance of

crowd of 250,000 people in Gniezno, Poland's

first capital, that there must be continued

commitment towards co-operation between

European countries. He thanked God for the

fall of Communism but said that Europeans

were divided by "a wall made out of fear and

aggressiveness, of a lack of understanding for

people of different origins, different colour.

different religious convictions". (Reuter)

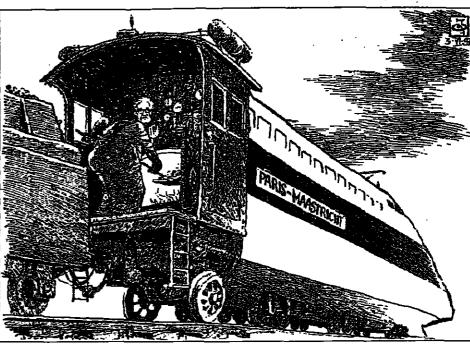
often hampers the 15 from swift action on the world stage. Under the new arrangement, the EU's leaders will settle broad policy, called "common strategies", by unanimity.

Governments will put them into practice on the basis of qualified majority voting. The sovereignty qualms of Britain, France and others are answered by an "emergency brake". This will allow a country to object to a joint action for reasons of national interest. The decision will then be sent back to the heads of government for a unanimous decision. Under another scheme, also accepted by Britain, countries may abstain from actions that they dis-

agree with. Unless there is new agreement by officials later this week, the leaders at Amsterdam will be left to hammer out compromises on the outstanding issues. The most complicated involves the scheme to lift all EU internal frontiers and centralise controls over immigration and some police work. Britain has been assured of an opt-out, along with ireland, but the draft texts so far satisfy few states.

A battle is now under way between the smaller states, which want to retain maximum voting power and a presence in the Commission. and the big members, including Britain, which want to put a lid on the expanding Brussels executive.





Travelling hopefully: the views of Heng, top, in Singapore's Lianhe Zaobao, and

Prime Minister sets off on hectic summer of summitry

BY MICHAEL BINSON DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

WITH the future of Europe now hanging largely on the direction of France's Socialist Government, Tony Blair sets off tomorrow for a key meeting of fellow left-leaning Prime Ministers who control all but two of the 15 European

Union states. Mr Blair flies to Malmo. Sweden, for a meeting of the Socialist International, at which Lionel Jospin, the new French Prime Minister. is to outline the changes he wants to see in plans for economic and monecary union (EMU). Many other leaders of left-wing governments, or those in coalition with the Left, will also be eager to hear Mr Blair's proposals for the EU next year when Britain holds the presidency during the crucial run-up to

the start of monetary union. Mr Blair's visit marks the beginning of a hectic summer of summitry that will barely calm down before the deBLAIR AGENDA

manding timetable of the EU presidency. This has suddenly become more important because of the new faces now sitting around the top tables. After Malmo, Mr Blair will fly to Bonn for talks with Helmut Kohl, the German Chancellor. These are likely to

focus on the prospects now for EMU, as will his visit next week to Paris for his first bilateral meeting with M Jospin. On June 16 and 17 Mr Blair and Robin Cook, the Foreign Secretary, will attend the EU Amsterdam summit at which all EU leaders hope to conclude the Maastricht II treaty. Three days after it ends, the two will travel to America for

the annual summit of the

Group of Seven industrialised

countries - now expanded to

Eight to include Russia. Mr Blair then flies back via New York where he will take part in the follow-up conference to the Rio Earth Summit.

about Britain's commitment to the global environment. Barely a week after he

returns, he and Mr Cook fly out to Hong Kong for the handover of sovereignty to China. A week later, the two men will be in Madrid for the crucial Nato summit which will decide which new countries will be admitted as full

members of the alliance. There will be a brief break in August, but the political season starts again in September with a meeting of EU foreign ministers in Brussels and the United Nations General Assembly session. Mr Cook will accompany the Queen to India in October, and he and Mr Blair will return for the Commonwealth Heads of Government meet-

ing in Edinburgh. Stockholm: Goran Persson, the Swedish Prime Minister, declared vesterday the country would not join EMU at the proposed January 1999 start. He said the project was uncertain and shaky. (Reuter)

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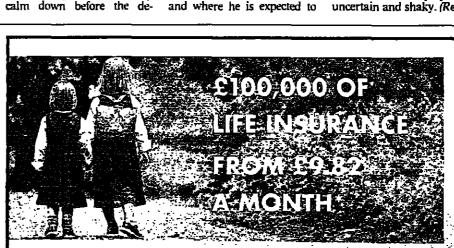
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Socialists' call for new talks on euro pact opens rift with Kohl

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN PARIS

FRANCE'S Socialist leader, Lionel Jospin, devoted just 13 minutes to a ceremony installing him as Prime Minister yesterday before vanishing into his new office to prepare a Cabinet and address the mounting pressures of government - most immediately a potential row with Germany over economic and mone-

tary union. M Jospin beamed as Alain Juppé, his vanquished predecessor, formally handed over power, but he already has much to preoccupy him. Just hours before M Jospin entered the prime ministerial residence at the Hotel Matignon,

FROM ROGER BOYES

HELMUT KOHL'S Govern-

ment, alarmed by a back-

bench rebellion, yesterday

dropped controversial plans to

use national gold reserves in

an attempt to meet economic

and monetary union targets

The deal with the Bundes-

bank ends, or at least sus-

pends, a damaging row with the central bank that had

spread alarm in European

markets and among Germa-

ny's partners. According to

Christian Democrat sources,

Theo Waigel, the Finance

Minister, has agreed with the

bank that the country's gold

reserves will be revalued only

at the year's end. Resulting

profits will be transferred to

The move is supposed to

banish the impression that

Bonn was prepared to scrape

away the bank's independence

and fiddle the figures to meet

the Maastricht public finance

this year leaves a gaping hole of around DM10 billion (£3.5

billion) in the budget. But the

Knives were out for Herr

Waigel, who looked as if he

might not survive a no-confi-

Kohl cancelled a Paris visit so

he could defend publicly both

his vision of EMU and his

embattled minister. The Gov-

ernment never doubted that

the forced dismissal of Herr

Waigel would be the beginning of the end for the Kohl

Christian Democrat deputies were furious about the

revaluation plan and the sug-

gestion that Germany was

indulging in "creative ac-

counting" to stay on course for

EMU. Several younger deputies threatened to vote against

the Government if it tried to

amend the Bundesbank law -

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retreat was essential.

The absence of gold profits

and debt criteria.

the Government in 1998.

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François Hullande, the Socialists' spokesman, said the party wanted to reopen negotiations on the stability pact approved last December to limit deficits after the launch of the single currency.

"We want to have assurances that the stability pact does not mean more austerity for France." Hollande said, opening the first big difference of opinion between France and Germany over EMU.

Under the stability agreement, governments within the single currency would be penalised if their deficits exceed 3 per cent of gross domestic product. M Hollande's

GERMANY

necessary if Bonn were to get

its hands on gold profits this

jority of five votes, the Chan-

cellor's party managers were

nervous. Worse, the Bavarian

Christian Social Union --

Herr Waigel's party - gave

him a rough time on Monday,

telling him they would not

tolerate any trickery. The min-

ister told them that Germany

would, without Bundesbank

gold, certainly miss the total debt target of 60 per cent of

gross domestic product in 1997. But Herr Waigel prom-

ised to do all in his power to

keep the public deficit down to

the required 3 per cent of

As far as the German Gov-

ernment is concerned, the

crisis has abated. Yet the

fundamental problems re-

main and the Government is

still skating on very thin ice.

There are only three ways of

balancing the budget: to bor-

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Germany well beyond the

Waigel: might have lost

no-confidence motion

With a parliamentary ma-

Government).

pushed the Government into a

corner. The unspoken adden-

dum to yesterday's ceasefire

agreement with the Bundes-

bank was that the Kohl ad-

ministration would now do

anything to keep the euro hard

- and keen countries such as

Italy out of the initial nucleus.

restore Germany's now tar-

nished reputation as a pillar of

fiscal rectitude. But France,

Bonn's chief partner in the

single currency adventure, is

steering towards a softer euro,

easier entry terms and early

☐ London: John Major yes-

terday urged Tony Blair to use

this month's Amsterdam

summit to warn the European

Union to delay the single currency (Philip Webster

The former Prime Minister

said in an interview on Radio

4's The World at One that his

ary I, 1999. Now we face

now face circumstances that it

seems possible to me to almost

dismiss the possibility of the

right conditions being there.

That being the case, we have

to guard against the danger of

Italian accession.

revalue gold.

Only a tougher line can

very basis of the deal. "We want to be sure that sanctions will not be applied if the main objectives are nut reached," he said.

At the same time, Elisabeth Guigou, the Socialist MP certain to play a key role in the Cabinet, insisted that France would stick to the EMU timetable. The Socialists have laid down a number of conditions for the euro, including membership of Italy and Spain from the outset and a European economic government to balance an independent central hank.

The Communist Party, which holds the balance of power, has brought intense pressure to bear on its Socialist allies, citing an undertaking that there would be no the cancellation was not linked to further austerity measures in the the French election. The issue of the drive for a single currency as a condition for supporting the Government.

The administration's early emphasis on renogotiating the stabilpact will sharply increase German fears of the single currency being delayed or derailed. Helmut Kohl the Chancellor, indirectly intervened in the French election campaign two weeks ago when he said he did not believe the pact should be tampered with.

Herr Kohl shelved plans to travel today to Paris, where he was due to address the parliamentary assembly of the Western European Union. A spokesman insisted that

stability pact is only of several likely bones of contention between the new Prime Minister and President Chirac In an early sign of what many predict will be a most prickly "cohabitation", M Jospin was reported to be planning to attend all international summits with M Chirac, beginning with the European Union meeting in Amsterdam on June 16 - an apparent bid to

M Jospin said he would give his keynote policy speech in parliament on June 17. He has already sketched out the broad outlines of his Cabinet, to be announced

several of the most powerful posts. Martine Aubry, the former Labour Minister, is tipped for the Social Affairs portfolio, and Cather-

ine Trautmann, the outspoken Mayor of Strasbourg, is expected to take over Justice. Mme Guigou and Laurent Fabius, a former Prime Minister, are the leading candidates for Foreign Minister. As M Juppe bowed out, heads continued to roll in the centre-right

coalition. Jean-François Mancel, buck the tradition that leaves the secretary-general of the Gaullist international stage to the President. RPR party, resigned and Philippe Séguin, the former Speaker, reportedly threatened a "knife light to the finish if M Juppe tried to retain control of the party.

WORLD SUMMARY

Ex-king stripped of Greek land

Athens: A special high court has upheld a 1994 Socialist Act stripping former King Constantine of Greece of his property there (John Carr. writes). The majority decision is widely believed to have been the result of government pres-

From his London home, the former king, 57, said that he would continue his fight for the property at the international Court of Justice.

The land includes an estate at Tatoi, north of Athens which is the royal family's burial place - and Mon Repos Palace on Corfu. birthplace of the Duke of Edinburgh. Both have been derelier for 25 years.

La Fenice pledge

Rome: The winner of the competition to rebuild La Fenice opera house in Venice. which burned down last year, has vowed to complete the work ahead of schedule and in time for the millennium. Gae Aulenti, 70. a prominent Italian architect whose previous commissions include the Musee D'Orsay in Paris, said her design had placed emphasis on security to guard against fires.

Media son dead

New York: The son of Gerald Levin, head of Time Warner Inc. the US communications conglomerate, has been stabbed to death in his Manhaπan appartment. The body of Jonathan Levin, 31, was found by police here late on Monday night (Tunku Varadarajan writes). He was face down in a pool of blood, and gagged with rape. He had been dead about 72 hours.

Statue 'cried'

Rome: The Vatican ruled that tears of blood shed by a statue of the Virgin Mary, north of here, just over two years ago were "authentic", but stopped short of declaring the phenomenon a miracle. The statue was first reported to have cried on February 2, 1995. There have that it had detected no signs of

Backbench rebels force climbdown by Bonn on gold spending (which would be blocked by the Social Democrat-dominated upper house) or to raise taxes (which could lead to the defection of the Free Democrats from the coalition Despite the pledges of Herr Waigel, the Maastricht 3 per cent target is as far away as ever. The mistimed grab for the national gold reserves has

Diplomatic ties: Robin Cook, left, with Jacques Santer, President of the European Commission, in Luxembourg

Britain offers extra help for Albania poll

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voters "confidence in the elec-

intervention force in Albania.

He praised the Italian role in

Albania, but said that Britain

ted in Bosnia, and in terms of

manpower, logistics and cash

heavily commit-

FROM RICHARD OWEN

ROBIN COOK, the Foreign

the Socialist victory in the French elections and the Ger-Mr Cook said that Britain man Government's attempt to Mr Major said: "It has now become apparent that they are not going to have the right economic conditions by Janudifferent circumstances. We

> from all parties. The Foreign Secretary said Herr Vranitsky wanted a total observer force of at least 300 to ensure that the election process had "clear transparency and was conducted with suffi-

toral process". But Mr Cook said Britain would not contribute troops to the Italian-led

Secretary, yesterday an-nounced after talks with Lamberto Dini, his Italian counterpart, that Britain would send 45 extra monitors to the elections in Albania at

already had eight monitors in place, but Franz Vranitsky, the former Austrian Chancellor and envoy to Albania for the Organisation of Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE), had asked London to send further observers, bringing the British total to 53, 15 of whom would be MPs drawn

Letters, page 21 cient stability to give Albanian

to contribute to any other expeditionary force". A military operation such as Albania is difficult for us to contem-

plate", he said. Mr Cook made clear that his reference on taking office Britain, France and Germany as the "big three" of Europe was not intended as an nsult to Italy. "I have assure Mr Dini that no offence was intended, and in that spirit shaping of the European "we are not in an easy position none was taken." He said he

was happy to make it clear that Italy, like Britain, France and Germany, was a "leading member of Europe", and Italy and Britain had a great deal in common on the issue of EU enlargement to include Central and Eastern European countries.

Mr Cook said he had simply ntended to signal that Britain wanted to take part in the

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Ex-commando chief tipped to follow Peres

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN JERUSALEM

ISRAEL'S main opposition Labour Party was choosing a new leader yesterday, with Ehud Barak, 55, the country's most decorated soldier, widely tipped to take over from Shirmon Peres. Now aged 73, Mr Peres had

refused to retire gracefully, despite losing a record five general elections. Many of the 167,000 Labour members entitled to vote were hopeful that the party would now provide a more effective opponent to Binyamin Netanyahu, the Prime Minister.

All opinion polls predict a sizeable win for Mr Barak, seen by himself and others as a younger version of the assassinated Yitzak Rabin, the former Prime Minister. Emphatic and tough-talking, Mr Barak campaigned as the only candidate with a hope of beating Mr Netanyahu at the next general election in 2000. His pitch, in a country ob-sessed by security, was boosted by the fact that he was Mr Netanyahu's former commander in the elite Sayeret Maktal commando unit.

Facing Mr Barak in the poll were Yossi Beilin, 48, one of the architects of the Oslo peace deal; Shlomo Ben-Ami, a Moroccan-born novice politician; and Ephraim Sneh, a physi-

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Bottled snakes and tortoises reveal sorcery behind Mobutu regime

By INIGO GILMORE

THE discovery of "magical" bottled snakes, tortoises and toads at the home of one of President Mobutu's former generals has stirred renewed interest in the supernatural beliefs that underpinned the ousted Zairean dictator's 32-year regime and enveloped his rule in an aura

The find offers further evidence of the deep supernatural beliefs, held by Mr Mobutu and those around him, that fostered their sense of invincibility. For much of

his rule. Mr Mobutu surrounded himself with witch doctors and torship, he carried a sculpted cane soothsayers who dispensed witchcraft and guided his actions. His trademark leopardskin hat, cane and name were integral to the mystical world he inhabited.

Born Joseph Desire Mobutu he transformed himself into Mobutu Sese Seko Kuku wa za Bang, the official translation of which runs: "The all-powerful warrior who. because of his endurance and will to win, will go from conquest to conquest leaving fire in his wake." According to officially inspired

that was so heavy 20 normal men could not pick it up. A public service announcement preceding the nightly news showed The Guide" descending God-like from

the clouds. Born into a Catholic family. Mr Mobutu later switched to a precolonial form of worship. African religion in the former Zaire is a form of animism, in which human qualities are attributed to animals and fetisheurs dispense magic potions and charms which can be worn on the body and are believed to have magical powers to protect the wearer against danger or to harm enemies.

For Mr Mobutu and those around him, this witchcraft was highly potent. By 1991 Mr Mobutu's inclination to be guided by his witch doctors had reached absurd proportions. Fearing that his army, and even his ceremonial pygmy guard, would turn against him, he flew 25 West African voodoo priests from Benin and Senegal to his palace in Kinshasa. One told him he would never be

acquired a riverboat. The President moved his home and offices to the Camanyola. a former Belgian steamer moored on the Congo River. Legend has it he did not leave the boat for two years. Banknotes printed in Germany for the National Treasury would be brought to him and divided up.

On the advice of his witch doctors, Mr Mobutu also ignored the early symptoms of prostate cancer, which has now spread to his skeleton.

Shortly before the Mobutu re-

gime was finally toppled by rebels last month. Kongolu, his despised son, visited a West African fortune teller at a hotel in central Kinshasa. Afterwards he was seen marching into the foyer from the hotel lift shouting into a cellular phone. Clearly he had learnt that the Mobutus were no longer

invincible. ☐ Geneva: Swiss banks have found only £2 million of assets belonging to former President Mobutu and his family, despite claims by the country's new leaders that several billion pounds lie in

The assets include foreign shares, bonds, securities and a safe deposit box yet to be opened. The announcement came after a renewed search which had been ordered by Switzerland's federal banking commission.

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Under revised secrecy laws, Swiss banks are obliged to declare deposits that they suspect may have criminal origins. The regulatory body said in a terse statement that it would examine if the banks had shown "due diligence" in their

US renews airlift as Britain recalls Freetown envoy

By Michael Binyon, Diplomatic editor, and Lin Jenkins

High Commissioner in Sierra Leone, and more than 1,200. other foreigners vesterday abandoned the embattled capital and were making their way to neighbouring Guinea on an American warship. He left, on Foreign Office

instructions, as US Marines plucked hundreds of foreigners to safety by helicopter. which nok them to the USS Kearsarge during a full in the fighting between Sierra Loone rebels and Nigerian troops. The Nigerian commander of the West African force in Sierra Leone has threatened to bring in bombers and troop reinforcements if the ceasefire breaks down

Mr Penfold left with the remaining members of the British High Commission after repeated vain attempts to persuade Major Johnny Koromah, the coup leader, to step down and reinstate the overthrown President Kammah. The Foreign Office said vesterday that security had so deteriorated in Freetown. where gangs of drunken rebels have been looting and terrorising people at random, that the High Commission could no longer help those Britons who remained.

In a broadcast on the BBC

PETER PENFOLD, Britain's World Service, the Foreign Office gave a warning that there would be no further evacuation and that the High Commission would be closed. It told Britons to make their way to the Cape Sierra Hotel, where they would be taken to

> In some instances, unaccompanied children holding British passports were thought safer staying with their Sierra Leone families rather than being evacuated unacompanied.

> At least ten people were carried to the helicopters on stretchers, including one man hooked up to drips. About 100 Marines stood guard and armoured vehicles were deployed in the evacuation zone, later changed to a beach area because the hotel became too

The American ship evacuated a further 868 foreigners. including 155 British citizens. Reports reaching London said that Major Lincoln Judd. 28. the military attaché, was hit by shrapnel, sustaining head and neck injuries during the fighting around the Mammy Yoko hotel, but did not need surgery and was recovering

The ship, which steamed north from the waters off Congo to help to evacuate the foreigners, is due to reach Guinea today. Mr Penfold may remain there to see whether things calm down in Sierra Leone. A plane will be sent to bring the other Britons back to London.

Most had a nightmare journey to safety after being trapped in the basement of the hotel while fighting between the rebels and 50 Nigerian troops guarding the hotel raged outside. The hotel was hit by rocket-propelled gre-nades and fire broke out on the top two floors. Mr Penfold helped to negotiate a ceasefire by bluff, warning the combatants that they were likely to be bombed by the Americans if they did not stop fighting.

The Ministry of Defence said that as a "precautionary measure" Britain was sending the Royal Fleet Auxiliary ship Argus from Gibraltar to help treat casualties.

Estimates of those killed in the past week of fighting range from a dozen to nearly 50. The Americans said they had evacuated almost 2,500 foreigners. including some 430 Ameri-

The Nigerians have sent troop reinforcements, and the about 3,000 men in Freetown.



A bronze sculpture commemorating the 1989 Tiananmen Square massacre goes on show in Victoria Park. Hong Kong. The Pillar of Shame, by the Danish artist Jens Galschiot, has inscriptions reading: "The old cannot kill the young forever"

Thousands will defy Tung at massacre vigil

FROM JONATHAN MIRSKY IN HONG KONG

TENS of thousands are expected to take part tonight in what may well be the last demonstration in Hong Kong to mark the Tiananmen Square killings of June 1989.

Despite the advice of Tung Chee-hwa, the Chief Executive-designate, to forget what happened in Beijing eight years ago, they will hold a candle-lit vigil in Victoria Park, the city's largest public space. There the crowd will sing and hear speeches re-minding them that, in the spring of 1989, a million people turned out in Hong Kong to display their anger at what was happening in the Chinese capital.

Mr Tung observed at the weekend: "No one really wanted June 4 to happen. But over the past eight years, some people have continued to persist on the issue ... perhaps they should look torward."

He has also said that legal demonstrations will be allowed; but new laws emphasising "national security" may make them less likely.

Among Hong Kong people. opinions on Mr Tung's advice were divided. The 60-year-old owner of a chemist's shop had demonstrated in memory of Tiananmen before but would not tonight, "It would make foreign investors nervous. make them think Hong Kong

Iraqis' British trip called off

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agree with Mr Tung. Let's forget the past."
A taxi driver, 53, said: "The

demonstrations are too far from where I live. If they were nearer. I'd certainly go. We still want democracy and freedom here. C. H. Tung is wrong. Tiananmen was a fact and we can't just forget it."
A girl, 18, said she had

always attended vigils with her family, "But this year they won't go. They're afraid something will happen, some kind of chaos. [But | Mr Tung is wrong. history.'

A messenger, 40, had never participated and said the demonstrations should be banned. adding: "C. H. Tung is right forget it." A stockbroker, also 40. disparaged Mr Tung's advice, saying that the Chinese also think about Japan's occupation of disputed islands and other historical events. "How can we stop thinking about our past?"

A civil engineer, 50. said: have always participated and I will tonight. The Chinese people must know that here in Hong Kong we haven't



Monkey upsets male order

Tokyo: Crowds are surging into Tokyo's main zoo to see girl power at work. The reason for the excitement is Aizuhomare, a female monkey that has broken a 27year male tradition by taking over leadership of the band of 37 monkeys.

Osamu Ishida, curator of Ueno Zoo, said in its 65-year history there had only been three times when a female became leader of its band of Japanese macaques. Each time female rule lasted for less than a year. "It's very rare in a zoo and in the wild for a female monkey to be on top of the heap." Mr Ishida said.

The 20-year-old Aizuhomare, named

males to get first choice of titbits from sightseers and grooming privileges from other monkeys. The fight for the leadership was set off earlier this year after the death of Satoimo, a male who had ruled

Mr Ishida said that in the final leadership battle, Aizuhomare "swatted" the strongest male just after the pair had mated. "He never recovered, and now Aizuhomare rules," he said.

Among tourists, Aizuhomare's rise is a sign of male weakness. "I'm not surprised," sniffed Mami Kaneko. 25. "Most Japanese men are very weak now."

'Revenge' of HIV woman

Rome: Police in the central Italian town of Modena are investigating the case of a woman alleged to have deliberately infected eight men with HIV (Richard Owen

They said that the woman. 35, who has not been named. had turned to "serial killing" when she discovered that the man she had been living with had been unfaithful and was HIV-positive. She faces an attempted murder charge.

By Michael Binyon DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

THE Government announced yesterday that it has refused visas to five top Iraqi officials only a day after saying that the men would be allowed to

travel to Britain. The Iraqi delegation, headed by Dr Abdullah al-Takriti, was due to arrive this week to discuss an oil contract with two British companies. Last December, the United Nations allowed limited tragi oil sales tarian aid. Iraqi opposition groups strongly protested against the proposed visit. which would have been the

the Gulf War. The Foreign Office - correcting an earlier statement that visas had been issued by the British Embassy in Amman, the Jordanian capital said the trip had been cancelled because the men were deemed officials, rather than

businessmen. "It is quite legiti-

first by senior officials since

holding licences to deal with Iraq to speak to Iraqi businessmen. But British policy is to reject applications from Iraqi officials.

Britain has no diplomatic representation in Baghdad, so all tragi visa applicants must travel to Jordan to hand in their passports in person.

The visit could have embarrassed the Government, especially in light of the emphasis by Robin Cook, the Foreign Secretary, on human rights.





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Outside powers set stage for full-scale war in Afghanistan

By Christopher Thomas, south asia correspondent

THE battle for military supremacy in Afghanistan in-tensified yesterday in strategic towns north of Kabul. the capital, as the country reconciled itself to full-scale war aided by powerful outside

Taleban, the Islamic militia in control of the southern twothirds of the country, has ordered the Iranian Emhassy in Kabul to shut - the first move by the Islamic army against foreign backers of the northern enemy forces led by General Abdul Malik.

This intensifies the regional aspect of the conflict, which is increasingly drawing in countries in Central Asia and beyond in a struggle for influ-ence. Some Central Asian leaders blame Pakistan for the debacle that has effectively left Afghanistan divided, roughly on north-south. Pashtu-versus-non-Pashtu lines.

Thousands of Taleban troops are flowing across the Pakistani border every day to join the battle north of Kabul, leaving Pakistan's denial of support for Taleban looking implausible.

Iran is actively involved in part because of concerns about the Afghan Shia minority. whose leaders in the Hezb-i-Wahadat party are members of the northern anti-Taleban alliance. Tehran admitted this week that it is giving "humanitarian" assistance to the north tantamount to declaring support for the northern alliance. Russia also has intensified clandestine military involvement to ensure that

itself on the Central Asian Pakistan is determined to keep Kabul in Taleban's

Taleban does not establish

hands. Direct involvement by Pakistani troops cannot be ruled out. There has already been some limited involvement by Pakistani servicemen and intelligence agents. Taleban has accused India

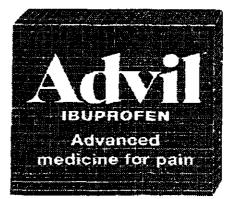
of supporting General Ahmed Shah Masood, the Tajik military leader who is leading the anti-Taleban battle north of Kabul, close to his fieldom in the Panjshir Valley. There is probably validity in this: India concerned that a Taleban administration in Afghanistan would aid the cause of Islamic fundamentalism in Kashmir. The northern anti-Taleban

forces have never been more

powerful, backed by Russian weaponry, Iranian money and the goodwill of Central Asia and India. The battlefront widened yesterday, with the strategic town of Jabul Saraj. north of the capital, taking the brunt. It was captured several Mascod's forces.

Taleban launched an invensive attack on the town, crucial to its objective of recapturing northern territory, and last night the Islamabad-based Afghan Islamic Press said it had fallen to the Islamic army. Taleban also reportedly captured the important town of Golbahar.

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Auction houses facing anti-trust inquiry

FROM TUNKE VARADARAJAN IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK'S art world was in uproar yesterday after the federal Justice Department confiscated lorryloads of financial documents from all the major auction houses, including

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Sotheby's and Christie's. The New York Times revealed that the art dealers had been served with subpoenas by federal agents investigating alle-gations of collusion, pricefixing and other unfair auction practices. The most damaging ac-

cusations are of "bid-pooling" or "bid-rigging", a practice that enables dealers to resell works at an exaggerated profit. This is illegal under the Anti-Trust Act. The Justice Department yesterday confirmed that the Anti-Trust Division was looking into the possibility of "anti-competitive practices in the fine art auction industry'

Donald Baker, a former head of the Justice Department's Anti-Trust Divi-sion, said: "People in specialised businesses like art don't necessarily think of themselves as subject to the laws that were designed to protect the public against robber barons."

Christie's confirmed that an investigation into unfair practices was under way. It revealed that the Justice Department had subpoenaed it for "documents relating to the conduct of the US art market". It said "other US auctioneers and several prominent New York art dealers have also been required to provide documents".

Sotheby's also con firmed it was among the auction houses subpoenaed. A spokesman said: We are of course working with the Justice Department in providing the relevant information.

The news is a blow to the prestige of Sotheby's, already hit by the ongoin investigations in Italy and India into the alleged smuggling of paintings and antiquities. The allegations arose earlier this year in a book by Peter Watson, a British reporter. called Sotheby's: An Inside Story. A television programme based on his findings was also broadcast. making an embar-

rassing echo worldwide. About 25 of New York's best-known fine arts dealers are believed to be under the latest surveil-lance. The dealers all specialise in Old Masters. the Impressionists and modern American art.

Pressure grows on

McVeigh jurors for death penalty

FROM TOM RHODES IN WASHINGTON

THE jurors who convicted l'imothy McVeigh of the Oklahoma City bombing return to court today to decide if he should receive the death penalty for the worst act of terrorism on American soil.

In a ministrial which could last more than a week, the seven men and five women in the jury will hear further testimony from up to 50 prose-cution witnesses who survived the blast or lost relatives when McVeigh's bomb flattened the Alfred P. Murrah huilding on April 19, 1005, killing 168 adults and children.

The jury will be told of aggravating circumstances. he destruction of lives and families which the prosecution will claim must bring a unanimous decision for the death of McVeigh, 29. In mitigation. the defence is expected to call members of the McVeigh family and James Nichols, whose brother Terry was an army comrade of McVeigh's, Terry Nichols, a co-defendant in the case, faces a separate trial later this summer.

Saying he wanted to avoid 'a lynching". Judge Richard Matsch, presiding, said yes-terday he would prohibit any testimony that would inflame or incite the jury. "Care must be taken here to ensure that the next phase of the trial be one within proper constraints," he said.

Officers who remember McVeigh from his time as a sergeant in the Gulf War, and his former teachers, will attest to his character and the bravery for which he was awarded a Bronze Star.

Whether the solitary figure will take the stand himself remains uncertain. Throughout his six-week trial, the defence avoided putting McVeigh on the stand and, as state authorities plan a murder suit against him for the 100 non-federal employees killed in the bombing, it seems unlikely that his lawyers' tactics will change now.

Found guilty on Monday of If charges, including the murder of eight government work-ers in the building, McVeigh will need a miracle to avoid the death penalty. "If ever you were going to

impose the death penalty. murdering 168 people more than amply qualifies," said Vivian Berger, a law professor at Columbia University and a defence lawyer in capital

The only other option would be life imprisonment without parole, but there is already growing pressure for the jury to opt for lethal injection at the federal penitentiary in Terre Haute, Indiana. A poll taken after the conviction suggested of per cent of Americans demanding capital punish-ment and calls for the death penalty shortly after the bombing by both President

Attorney-General, have created additional expectation of that result.

Aren Almon, whose daughter, Baylee, died in the children's day-care centre of the building one day after her first birthday, said there should be no mercy. The image of a lifeless Baylee being carried from the debris in the arms of a fireman became a graphic focus of Oklahoma's grief. You don't take innocent lives and expect your own to be spared." Mrs Almon said. "I vant the same justice for

sides will cite Both McVeigh's increasing resentment towards the federal Govermment after the siege at Waco, Texas, in which 80 members of the Branch Davidian cult died.

While the majority of Americuns support the conviction, there were already signs yesterday of opposition from militias and other anti-federalist organisations.

White Power, a white supremacist group, closed its site un the Internet in protest at the devastating sentence handed down on poor Timothy McVeigh". A last message read: "This man will be executed for charges that I feel were never truly proven! The US Government needed to find a scapegoat and McVeigh was their man."

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Bomb attack survivors and relatives of victims comfort one another after hearing McVeigh found guilty

Sentence 'could speed up executions'

By Tom RHODES

Judge bans inflammatory testimony in effort to avoid Oklahoma 'lynching'

IF SENTENCED to death, Timothy McVeigh will join a dozen federal prisoners awaiting lethal injection by a government still without its own death row. But it might be some time before a marshal would administer the deadly cocktail of paralytic and sedative drugs to the Oklahoma homber at the federal penitentiary in Terre Haute, Indiana.

While the appeals process for capital punishment often requires a wait of up to ten years, there is no recent federal-case precedent. The "dirty dozen" convicted of federal crimes are at various stages of the appeal process. The Justice Department is also seeking the death penalty in

another 92 cases. A death sentence for McVeigh would be the first under the Clinton Administration's anti-terrorism law and may have a far-reaching effect on the capital punishment system.

The Supreme Court has yet to rule on the law under which he was convicted. the death penalty statute or the regulations by which it should be carried out. His offences became capital crimes under legislation passed in September 1994 in reaction to the World Trade Centre bombing in New York.

A death sentence for McVeigh might speed up the federal process and could provide enough impetus to bring federal death-row prisoners, now housed in separate state prisons, together in one facility. "The likelihood is that a death sentence for McVeigh will legitimate and accelerate the death sentence in these other federal cases," said Paul Dodyk, a New York lawyer who was counsel for David Chandler, a drug lord on death

row for federal charges since April 1991. No civilian has been executed by the US Government in the 34 years since Victor Feguer was hanged for kidnapping in lowa. Six other federal executions followed the electrocutions of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg, on spying charges, at

New York's Sing Sing prison in 1953. There have been 34 federal executions since 1927, including six Second World War spies put to death on one day in 1942

Britain urges US to stay in Bosnia

FROM BRONWEN MADDOX IN WASHINGTON

Defence Secretary, yesterday delivered a fresh warning to the United States about the dangers of premature withdrawal of troops from Bosnia. as tension grows between the Pentagon and the State Department over when to bring American troops home.

Mr Robertson, who maintained that European troops would leave if the US pulled out, also complained of a "pettiness of view" among Bosnian leaders which might squander the "window of opportunity" of the next year while Nato peacekeeping forces are still in place.

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In Washington, where Mr Robertson met William Cohen, the Defence Secretary, and congressional leaders, the question of the withdrawal strategy is shaping up to become one of the most controversial of the next year, together with the proposed expansion of Nato. Mr Cohen,

GEORGE ROBERTSON, the the only Republican in President Clinton's Cabinet, has argued repeatedly for an early

> But in London last week, Mr Clinton made clear that, after a six-week review, he had rejected Mr Cohen's position. He pledged to work like crazy" in the next 13 months before troops are scheduled to leave to implement the Dayton accords aimed at bringing about lasting peace. Madeleine Albright, the Secretary of State, has thrown her weight behind the full implementation of the accords.

On Nato expansion, Mr Robertson claimed that extending the alliance to include Hungary, Poland and the Czech Republic would not in itself require more spending. However, the White House, which backs expansion, is set for a bruising fight with Congress on how to foot the bill.



A section of a waterslide in Concord, California, after it collapsed under the weight of teenagers

Waterslide prank ends in tragedy

FROM GILES WHITTELL IN LOS ANGELES

ONE girl died and 32 others were injured, six critically, when a water slide at a theme park east of San Fransisco collapsed, leaving some vic-tims to fall from a height of

celebrating their high school graduation, allegedly barged past a lifeguard hoping to break their school record for the largest number to descend the slide in a "human chain".

The teenagers, who were

Water cascading from the broken slide turned red after the accident, witnesses said. Horrified parents and onlookers rushed to help. A few of the teenagers managed to pick themselves up suffering only from bruises and shock.

The rush to one of four Banzai Pipeline" slides in the Waterworld USA park near Concord was triggered by a loudspeaker announcement for the Napa High School group to return to their buses, according to officials. This apparently caused the students to rush our lifeguard on the Banzai Pipeline in an attempt to get one last ride in for the afternoon," said a spokesman for the park, which was closed indefinitely yesterday. Visitors were normally only allowed down the

slide one at a time. Russ Tiberio, from San Francisco, saw the accident happen. The glass fibre halfpipe "just cracked and gave way - crack, snap, gone. That fast." Helicopters took the injured to nearby hospitals.

As news of the accident spread, counsellors and church leaders converged on the school in the Napa Valley wine country north of San Fransisco to comfort stunned and weeping pupils returning from what one described as a "textbook nightmare".

General quits 'scandal base' over own affair

Washington: The commander of a US army training base, where instructors have been convicted of having sex with women subordinates, has quit after admitting he committed adultery years ago, military officials said yesterday.

The US Army announced that Major-General John E. Longhouser, 53, will step down as commander of the Aberdeen Proving Ground in Maryland on June 30. A Pentagon statement said he

was leaving out of a "desire to spend more time with his family and to pursue other interests after 32 years in the Army".

But a senior military official, who spoke on condition of anonymity. confirmed a report by The New York Times that the decision to retire was prompted by an affair that the general had with a civilian while he was separated from his wife in the early 1990s. (AP)

Narrow victory for Chrétien bodes ill for Canadian unity

tives, decimated to just two

JEAN CHRETIEN, the Canadian Prime Minister, and his Liberal Party clinched a slim rictory yesterday in elections that left the political landscape deeply fractured and proma bleak outlook for

The Liberals maintained a firm grip in the central heartland, winning 100 of their 151 seats in Ontario, but lost substantially in the booming western provinces.

A resurgence by the divided Canadian Right saw the Reform Party win 60 seats in its strongholds of Alberta and British Columbia to become the official Opposition. The Progressive Conserva-

MPs in the last election, won 20 seats but remained in fifth place behind the separatist Bloc Québecois, which shrank to 44 seats, and the left-wing New Democratic Party, with Mr Chrétien, who had an-

nounced the election 18 months early, had expected an easy re-election to secure a firm mandate for his austerity policies. Instead, the campaign deteriorated into a conflict over national unity.

Two years ago, the last referendum on independence for the largely French-speaking province of Quebec resulted in an embarrassingly close result for Mr Chretien in which federal loyalists achieved victory by less than one per cent of the vote. The election has produced little practical change.

The Reform Party, led by ulist son of an Alberta premier and radio preacher, had campaigned on an anti-Quebec platform, arguing that there should be no special privileges of culture or language for the province. Denounced by some as a bigot pushing the country towards civil war. Mr Manning's election as Opposition leader will force other parties to recognise the depth of regional sentiment in Canada.

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Long hot days mean long, brown limbs. But how can you avoid the risky informality of bare legs? Deborah Brett on some sheer solutions

er out of step. And with this summer's focus on footwear. what unites them is their tights. Even in the current heatwave, they understand the unwritten rule that however groomed your legs may be, there is a risky informality in

bare legs.

Making the transition between black tights and a summer dress can cause confusion, and the combination of the two is a definite mistake. So, instead of going bare, why not invest in this season's newest range of natural look

Attempting the natural look was, in the past, a nightmare. The denier was so thick that you appeared to be wearing wrinkled brown bandages on your legs, and the only colours available were deathly pale or American Tan. And when it came to wearing open-toed shoes, the thought of a reinforced toe with a thick seam protruding from the front of their sandals sent women running bare-legged in the other direction.

But recently the situation has improved, with hosiery legwear that looks and feels natural. In the past, European manufacturers have excelled at providing a large range of colours. Recently, however, the selection in British department stores has grown, and time spent investigating what colour and denier suit your skin tone is time well spent.

Gabriella Di Nora, head of Personal Shopping at Self-ridges, is firmly in favour of tights rather than bare legs for summer. "Why the English women, with their delicate skin, massacre their bare feet in shoes I just don't know. Tights are simply a must especially when it comes to anything formal, whether it be work or a special occasion." Her advice is to choose warm flesh and biscuity tones.

This summer, there are

MAIN PICTURE: Black halter

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15 tights, £12 by Wolford. Cream

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TOP RIGHT: Pink viscose

St.Christopher's Place, W1.

Sheer Lights Golden Glow

Rainbow wedge sandal, £54.99 by Ravel

tights, £3.50 by Pretty Polly.

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Marks & Spencer. Black

neck dress, £109 by Joseph, 23

countless shades on offer with the most innovative of names, for example, Emotion, Nou-gat, Hazel and even Gobi (as in the desert). Not only can many of these tights conceal blemishes and minor scars and marks; they can also enhance your colouring and add a slight tan.

Advances in fibre technology, and especially fibre mixes, have meant that tights cover the leg smoothly and retain their shape after repeat-ed wearing. Many also have a high strength denier without appearing any thicker - a great boon to anyone who

tends to snag fine tights in the

process of putting them on.
Our pictures show naturallooking tights, although there are plenty of glossier options. However, tights with a high shine finish, fashionable three years ago, now seem slightly tired. Trends have moved on

to a less artificial look.

Another point to bear in mind

is that shine makes the legs

look fatter, although there are

the lucky few with thin enough

legs to get away with it. A gloss finish will pep up an evening outfit - but should never be worn with open-toed high strappy sandals. Other summer hosiery mistakes include the fashion pack's continued belief that little girl ankle socks or knee-length pop socks worn with strappy san-

dals are a viable option. Depite the arrival of summer, many women feel unable

'Despite the arrival of summer, many are unable to prise themselves away from thick black tights'

to prise themselves away from the thick, black opaque tights which were so fashionable in the cold winters of the early Nineties. This season Dolce & Gabbana may have gone for a deathly white look and Helmut Lang for block colours in red and black, but neither look can be truly considered stylish when worn anywhere other than the catwalk.

chet and spider-Jonathon Aston has created funky versions of skin-coloured legwear, bringing baretoned fishnets into the mainstream and adding spice to his sheer tights with a shocking pink or turquoise seam and heel. Once regarded as outragous, these now make acceptable office wear.

Legwear companies are also offering the option of hold-up sheer stockings - wonderfully cool in a heatwave, though the anxiety of your hold-ups falling down at an unexpected moment may outweigh their attractions.

Getting legs right this summer is more essential than ever. There is an abundance of

tylish women are never first five minutes or even in the different styles of footwear er out of step. And process of putting them on. different styles of footwear available, from strappy sandals, high and low-heeled mules, to the new wedge heel.

The emphasis is on colour and texture, from suede to wood, raffia, wicker and cork. Legs must therefore remain natural so as not to upstage the shoe. The natural look is not, however, a cheap option. A pedicure and leg wax are essential — there is nothing worse than stubble and bro ken toe nails poking through sheer legwear.

crop are Marks & Spencer's Natural Tan Pearl Shiny tights - slightly shiny, with a natural look. Sheer Lights by Pretty Polly are a serious contender for the "I can't believe you're wearing tights" award. Originally known as Summer Lights, Pretty Polly has, owing to demand, made them available all year round. They are matte, and despite having a seven denier look, they have 20 denier strength. Colours range from a pale English rose hue to chocolate and there's a shadow toe that provides slight reinforcement

Ultra 5 tights by Aristoc are the finest of the fine, at five denier (though they also come in 10 and 15), and the palette ranges from nude to sunblushed and bare gold. For those who prefer a totally nude look. Aristoc has also brought out Soleil Ultra Sheer in seven denier — an updated version of last summer's tights, with a matte finish. four colour choices and a shadow toe.

For high performance tights at a reasonable price, you can turn to Wolford, which has brought out the 15 Sandal at £12. Designed to be worn with open-toed shoes, these are made from double-ply Lycra which combines sheerness

with strength.
The finish is matte and comes in four natural skin tones and black. Emotion is for those with pale skin. Cosmetic gives a natural finish, while Gobi gives 2 sunkissed look. Honey is for

those who are already tanned. The signs for next winter are that leg adornment, Eightiesstyle, is back, with diamanteencrusted legs by Valentino. neon pink Lycra by Christian Lacroix and tattooed tights by the British design Clements Ribeiro.

But while the heatwave lasts, the rule is to keep legs simple but sophisticated. Give the impression that you have dared to bare with this season's secret weapon - the invisible pair of tights.

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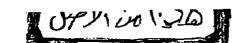
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Today it is even possible to buy coffins in advance that double as pieces of furniture until they are required

Death, where 1s thy spin?

The British may be renowned eccentrics, but in death it is the Americans who know how to be individual. While for us the choice has always heen simple — burial or cremation - they have grappled with such questions as "Should my pet share the grave?" and "Should I blow my children's inheritance on crvonics?

Now, however, we are catching up. We are finally opening up to the idea that you can be individualistic not only in life but also in death.

We still have some way to go, of course. There have been no British send-offs to rival that of Dr Timothy Leary, the LSD guru, and Gene Roddenberry, the creator of Star Trek, whose ashes were recently fired into space on a

rocket at a cost of £2,800 each. But we are not so very far behind. Last month the ashes of one Alan Smith, Viking enthusiast, were pushed out to sea on a replica longboat. And for everlasting suburban bliss. it is now possible to purchase a garden gnome with a com-

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How we dispose of our bodies is no longer a simple matter, reports Grace Bradberry

chew the downright wacky, but acknowledge that more and more people are planning ahead. There is even some evidence that imagining how one would like to be disposed of has become something of a late 20th-century recreation. The City of London Cemetery,

Manor Park, southeast London, now holds open days: around 10,000 people are expected at the next one. Prepaid funerals have become common, and the brochure for Chosen Heritage, a

leading firm, shows an elderly couple smiling as they discuss this very topic. On the opposite page is a helpful chart with ticks below the headings "elite", "popular" and "basic" aimed at a mass market.

But it is not just the masses who are taking an interest. In a recent edition of The Field. the Marquess of Bath declared that he had no wish to be buried in the family vault. I

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majority of British people es- might not relish the company in which I found myself."
Instead, he will be cremated and his ashes divided in twoone part to be disposed of as the family wishes, the other to be sprinkled on either side of

the stream that replenishes the lakes at Longleat. So is a belief in the afterlife gradually being replaced by a fascination with the afterdeath? Certainly there appears to be a minor publishing boom. A slim book of whimsi-

cal musings by the American poet and undertaker Thom-'Burial in as Lynch, entitled The Undertaking: the garden Life Studies from the Dismal Trade. can cause currently enjoys a cult following. dissent Lynch, who has a monopoly of busiamong the ness in his small family' out that death is

something to be dealt with by those left behind. Once you are dead, put your feet up," he instructs. There is nothing that can be done to you or for you or with you or about you that will do you any good or harm; any damage or decency we do accrues to the living, to

whom your death happens, if it really happens to anyone." But in an age of personal choice the question "What would he or she have wanted?" hangs over every funeral. And increasingly, what people seem to want is something in tune with the way they lived.

ason Heath, an undertaker in the Sheffield firm of John Heath & Sons, has had plenty of opportunity to dwell on the options. "I will be buried." he says. "It has less of a conveyor belt image, which is what we're all trying to avoid." Mr Heath has noticed a slight shift towards burial in recent years, with natural woodland sites becoming more popular.

Woodland interment, it seems, is the height of fashion. and to help to fulfil such New Age dreams there is now a natural death movement, a little like the natural birth movement but dealing with

dispatch rather than delivery. Its pioneer is a man named Nicholas Albery, one of three psychotherapists who founded the Natural Death Centre, in 1991, to offer help to those who wanted to die at home.

A registered charity, the centre has just brought out The New Natural Death Handbook which lists the best burial sites, including one that allows pets. Parrots are free.

"If you get involved before you die, it gives the relatives permission to do something that might be unusual," says Mr Albery. "We advise against burial in the garden because it creates dissension within the family, and with the neighbours." But it is done -

notably by Sarah Miles who buried her husband, the olaywright Robert Bolt, in the garden house. He had suggested a pyre, but she feared the house would burn

For those who really do not mind living with death, pre-planning has practical advan-tages. Heaven On Earth Mail Order, based in Bristol, offers culfins that will double as

bookeases, linen chests and spice racks, until the fateful day when they are needed. Mr Heath believes that in Britain there is a move towards facing up to death but to what extent? Catacombs, for example, are a little too morbid for most people. Built here in Victorian times,

some London cemeteries are

now refurbishing them. But John Luby, superintendent at the City of London Cemetery where there are 900 to spare. says Italian and Greek lamilies request them. There are also at least two British outlets offering cryonics. Garrett Smyth, co-founder of the British operation of Alcor, an American cryonics company, believes deep-freezing one's body is an insurance

policy. "People talk of death being a release," he says, "but

it's not if you're enjoying life." And perhaps it is not only the cryonics enthusiasts who would like to dodge death if they could. Even the Chosen Heritage brochure, so earnest in tone, contains a section intriguingly headed "Can I change my mind?"

When freedom means going out to work

t is such a useful, inspiring phrase: it's only a pity that the wrong people got to it first. For what Tony Blair was telling us and the inhabitants of Aylesbury estate on Monday was, simply, Arbeit macht frei. Whether work does make us free is debatable: Sir Robin Day has argued that work just turns us into wage slaves; it is capital that offers the real freedom. There may be an element of truth in this, but, in my experience and acquaintance, those who don't have to carn their living rarely benefit from it moneyed indolence is very much more enjoyable than its impecunious counterpart, but except in very few cases just as stultifying and, strangely, confining. Still, the observation is so limited in its application as to

be of little comfort to the many. Work can indeed be the great liberator -not so much for what it gives us, but for what it lets us escape from: ourselves. Unemployment is so depressing because it throws people back on themselves.

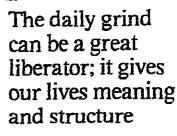
In a sense it is the constraint of the workplace that we need. Those who languish, unemployed and at home, are engulfed by the floppy amorphousness of life. Work gives us the illusion of usefulness: without it we can't avoid the pointlessness of it all Even if the office, the

factory, the building Nigella Lawson site can't confer freedom, they can seem to. compared with the alternative, which is not much more than

to be condemned to house arrest. We all need work even those who hate the idea of it, who say they can't be bothered or it's not worth their time. How can one be part of a capitalist society and not feel that one's worth is tied to the job one does? It can't be otherwise. The difficulty is not that so many people are taking the "easy option of a life on benefit, but that there isn't the work for them to do.

I'm not saying there aren't those who would rather sit at home on the dole than go out and look for work, but the scale of the problem would really emerge only if they decided otherwise. But Mr Blair is right having large numbers of people unemployed for long stretches of time bears a huge moral, even more than economic, cost.

The fact that it might be a single mother out of work is not really the issue, though to be fair, the Prime despite the distastefully eager way so suming one), but it rarely is. Very few be worth something.



many sought to see it in those terms: he was defining what he saw to be the general problem flack of opportunity. lack of morale) and explaining how he wished to address it in the particular. with specific regard to the housebound single mother on welfare.

That figure herself - focus of blame and hostility for past administrations and a continuingly vo-

> cal section of the taxpaying public - is in an impossible situation on this one. If she stays at home to look after her children she is accused of sponging off the State. If she asks for better childcare provisions so that she can go out and earn money herself she is castigated for negligence, for fecklessly spawning a generation of latchkey What so many

people choose to ignore when they discuss the iniquities of the unemployed single mum or perhaps they just don't know it - is that looking after children is much more exhausting and much more

difficult than any wage-paying job I can imagine, short of mining roal (not that there's much of that around any more). Perhaps there are people who think that if they have babies on their own — and presumably there are some such they'll be nicely set up with a cushy life. but boy, must they have an awful awakening.

Mr Blair has more than just the

intractable problem of finding people work - he has to make them want to work, to feel that they can. This he recognises: besides being unloved, nothing drains one's confidence more than not having a job. I wouldn't say my identity depended on my work (though to some extent it must have to) but I recognise that my morale does, considerably — though I regard that rather as a weakness.

The strange thing is that that feeling of morale, of confidence, ought to be boosted by having children (after all, it is a useful job and a rewarding con-

women truly don't suffer a strange dent to their confidence after having a bahy; and if that is the case with women safely ensconced in state-approved unions. then think how much more crucitying that sense of diminished self-worth must be in those hissed and booed for bringing a baby into the world.

There is a further problem: these days people are all but divided into those who are out of work and those who are doing the job of about three people. Obviously there is a relationship between the two. But there is something else that links them; both the overworked and the underworked have a life that is incompatible with the sort of secure, family-conscious, communityminded existence that we all - and none more so than Mr Blair - look to so yearningly.

If you haven't got a job or worry that if you don't work all hours you won't have one, how can life be civilised or safe, or indeed anything but anxious

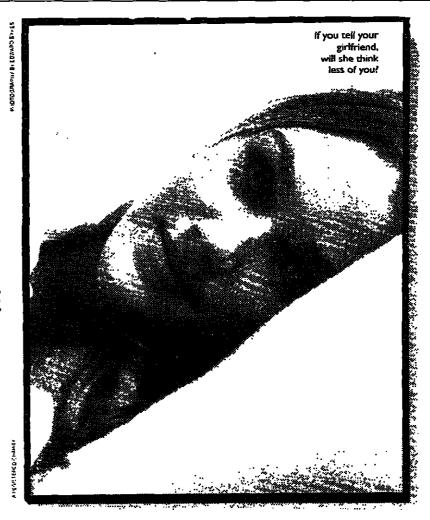
and dangerous? Family life — the English version of the American picket-fence ideal — might be an actual impossibility, but it can't even be a plausible dream without the old certainties that went with it. It's not only that there are no nice safe jobs in the bank any more, but that no one would feel valued for even wanting that kind of life.

In the Eighties, particularly, we looked to America and the can-do society for inspiration, but the trouble with telling everyone that they too could open Sock Shop or become a millionaire entrepreneur is that it can't be true. If one is made to feel that life is worth living only in the fast lane, then it's not surprising that those who are slower and less flash start grinding to a halt.

There is never going to be full employment. Jobs are never going to be secure; tenure is out of the question. So how do you inspire a people with the confidence to do. when there is always going to be precious little to be done? As a society, we desperately need the work ethic — from it stems our individual and collective productivity, if not happiness — but the more we invoke it, without the work to back it up, the less self-worth anyone unemployed can

We need to foster a society with the widest possibilities and the greatest scope of apportunities. We should do everything to try to ensure that poverty is not self-perpetuating: but for all that, it is very much easier for those from the governing classes to go on about finding satisfaction and stimulation in work: being a lawyer or a legislator is rather more fulfilling, and indeed lucrative, than being a factory-hand. Tony Blair is to be congratulated for trying to face up to this, gather than avoid it. That has to

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Impulsive women with more cheek than scents leave men standing

hat were all the perfumes of Arabia designed to do? Correct. They were designed to sweeten little hands. That they seemed to Lady Macbeth to have fallen at the olfactory handle of Dunnan's blood was collaboration. hurdle of Duncan's blood was only because she had come off her trolley; her little hands, you may be sure, would have smelt perfectly sweet to anyone else.

They would have smelt, that is to say, feminine. Not female. Lady Macbeth, even as she distractedly mooched the Dunsinane flagstones. would have given off the soft fragrance of roses, or lilies, or lavender, the scents of bowers and arbours and the better class of tub. Vegetable aromas. Nothing animal. For perfume has ever been an accourrement of romance, deliberately disguising life's meatier exudations, a cosmetic fib among the many, distancing sexual reality rather than confronting it. Perfume is the seasoning of courtly love: it is about beguiling true, it is about attracting, it is about seducing, even, but so early on in the process as to be virtually innocent, indeed innocently virtuous. It is not about instantly jumping on bones. The male organ it targets

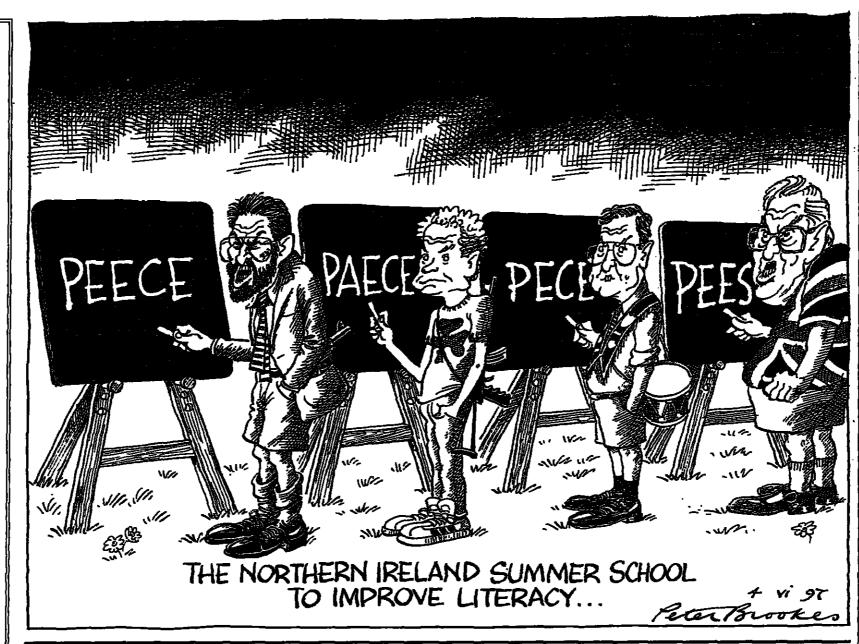
Or was, until last night. Last night, all that changed, and since it changed via nationwide television, then it doubtless changed for ever: because an image was implanted in us which, thanks to image-makers Ogilvy & Mather and the clients who appointed them. will henceforth be ineradicable. Not, mind. that the image presented itself fully; that, sadly, was part and parcel of its power, since by revealing neither part nor parcel, the advertisement encouraged the viewing imagination to engage itself even more graphically than graphics could have done.

Here's what happened: a fetching young woman walked into a life class where a group of artists was painting a male model. The woman was wearing a neat outfit, but the male model was not wearing anything at all. Since, however, we were not seeing him from the front, there was nothing to get het up about. Until it transpired that the young woman was wearing not only the neat outfit we could see, she was also wearing something we could not see. Indeed she was. quite literally, transpiring it: for it was a perfume, called Impulse, though we learnt this only after we had learnt that it was, after all, something to get het up about, since het up was exactly what the male model had apparently goll

Apparently, because we could not see him from the front. His front was obscured. It was an occluded front. That it was also a rising front we were able to elicit only from the reaction of the young woman in front of him: her eyebrows, such is the subtlery of the advertiser's art, rose in harmony. Followed by the slogan - you guessed? - "Men can't help acting on impulse".

A new message about perfume, then; but then again, much more than that. Impulse, it would appear, though it didn't quite, does things to men. willy-nilly. The male model could not help himself. The thing was beyond his control. Which means that last night's fleeting half-minute has done far more than merely dismantle in a trice the delicate daisy-chain of romance, leaving one solitary link between man's two chief protuberances; far more than rewrite forever the language of scent so that there will never again be any question at all as to why women slosh it on or why men buy it for them: far more even than introduce a bizarre speculative element into any future mixed gathering, large or small. It has, above and beyond the call of all these messages, sent one into this imperfect world so ramified that one can only clutch at the bookshelves for support.

and whimper. Now, were I whatever the male equivalent is of a feminist. I might well grow furious at the message that there is out there an essence, one sniff of which will deprive a man of all control over his sexual actions; but as I am not, and as, for some, there may even be the odd social boon in all this, I shall hold my peace. Leaving it to occur to those with a homonymic bent that it might not be a bad move on President Clinton's part to ring his lawyers right this minute and invite them discreetly to discover whether Paula Jones was wearing perfume at the time.



In place of Stormont

ilner would have been aghast. Lugard would have cheered. Palmerston would have fallen off his chair. Politicians from the United Kingdom, mother of democracies, last week took their domestic quarrels to the Dark Continent for guidance. Palefaces from the Bogside and the Shankill, festooned in shamrocks, bowlers and orange sashes, sat attentive at the feet of those their forebears would have dismissed as barbarians.

Explaining the South African path to conflict resolution, Nelson Mandela told the Ulstermen to renounce their tribal ways and behave like Christians and democrats. Aha, cried the delighted visitors, how wise is this great personage. They returned to Belfast and duly resumed their tribal ways. But they did not wash the hand that had shaken that of Mandela.

Last week's visit by Ulster politicians to South Africa was a suitably daft preliminary to yesterday's reopening of the multiparty talks at Stormont. These are now a joke no less sick for being familiar. Senator George Mitchell flies in to act as compere. He peers through his "window of opportunity" and urges urgency. Sinn Fein/IRA plants a bomb, demands access to the talks and is duly refused. The Unionist factions squabble over procedure and one or more walks out. British ministers scale new heights of platitude and cliché. Absolutely nothing is achieved

This has been going on not for 25 hours, 25 days or 25 weeks, but for 25 years. For 20 of those years I have visited every Secretary of State and heard him parrot the same briefing about time running out. Yesterday the once downto-earth Mo Mowlam recited the briefing on radio, its verbatim phrases dropping from her lips and gasping to be put out of their misery: "Parties must realise the present urgency ... listen to the vast, peace-loving majority ... rebuild confidence after the events of the past weekend lever thus | . . . meaningful and unequivocal ceasefire . . . settlement train leaving station . .

Tony Blair entered office last month with the same admirable intentions as all his predecessors. The presentation was superb. Mr Blair visited Ulster. He smiled. He told the Protestants there would be no Irish unity in his lifetime. He told the Republicans he was sorry for the Irish Famine and would order immediate "clarification" talks between

Memo to Mr Blair: Ulster's leaders need not go to South Africa to learn reform — only to Belfast City Hall

Sinn Fein/IRA and his officials (who surely need no clarification). He charmed everyone and offended everyone in traditional Anglo-Irish fashion.

Since then the IRA has tried to blow up an army unit and a loyalist gang has killed a policeman. Ms Mowlam duly cancelled clarification and asserted that there is "no question" of Sinn Fein attending Stormont talks. There is now talk of excluding some loyalist politi-cians and even banning some of their parties. Ms Mowlam has taken to Ulster's ancien régime like a duck to

The famous train leaving the station Minister sharing power (I believe briefmetaphor was one

much favoured Lord Prior in the mid-Eighties and more recently by John Major. The image is of an Orient Express furiously getting up steam, its passengers high on champagne and the prospect of ministerial office. Famous politi-

cians come to see them off. Money is everywhere. Left on the platform are the leaders of Sinn Fein, tears of disappointment pouring down their faces. If only

they had agreed to a ceasefire . . . The metaphor is splendid, yet ludicrous. The train never moves. The signal is stuck at red. The reason is always the same. After 25 years of waiting for "the men of violence" to throw down their weapons, nobody can face leaving without them. The enemy has become one of the party. Participants such as John Hume and Ian Paisley have been on and off the train for a full quarter century. Talks about talks are their lifeblood. This is the longest-running

show since the Congress of Vienna. Mr Blair must know that the Stormont talks are a farrago. Mr Major was praised for his bravery in talking to the IRA and thus enticing them into a temporary ceasefire. It was possibly a gamble worth taking. But when the IRA predictably refused to "decommission" their weapons, when the Unionists refused to talk to them as a result, and when both talks and ceasefire duly collapsed, British policy again ground to a halt. By granting the IRA de facto right of veto on progress, successive British Governments have granted violence a

veto on democracy. Sinn Fein/IRA revel in the leverage accorded them. Had the IRA handed over their weapons stockpiles two years ago, they would now be democratic nobodies, a minority within a minority at a Stormont assembly. The Unionists would have been in the ascendant, with David Trimble as provincial Prime

ly) with Sinn Fein's hated rivals, the SDLP. There would have been no united Ireland. For the IRA a century-old blood feud would have ended in defeat, though before long Stormont would again have collapsed. Sir Patrick Mayhew.

as Secretary of State. forestalled that. The talks process, with Sinn Fein/IRA always on the brink of a new ceasefire, acquired the secret of eternal life. The IRA Army Council returned to centre stage, making Senator Mitchell dance to its tune. The past two years have brought more electoral support to the IRA and their politics of partial exclusion than anything in two

The only way forward is for the talks to stop. Nobody at Stormont has any incentive to seek a settlement on the present basis. Britain is giving £6,000 in subsidy each year to every family in Northern Ireland. The Province is a vast welfare dependency. Senior politicians. like British ministers, have jobs, salaries and status at risk. Stormont, the embodiment of all that is most rotten in Northern Irish history, is sitting waiting once again to polarise and wreck democratic accountability in

Province. I cannot believe that Mr Blair is being taken in by talk of "another" IRA

ceasefire. Nor can I believe he really wants to revive a Stormont Assembly, proven at two attempts (under Sir Edward Heath and Margaret Thatcher) to have failed as a model for devolved regional government. The IRA will never renounce violence to the satisfaction of militant Unionism. Yet they will be satisfied only by a constitution that the Unionists cannot accept.

The train must leave the station and for a destination determined by the British Government. The local parties may accept or amend, but not reject that destination. A new constitution must devolve power to counties and cities. where power-sharing already exists and where local communities can co-operate in running their own affairs away fromthe glare of Stormont. Much civil rights regulation would be needed. Limited functions such as security must remain with a direct-rule administration.

Last week, while the leaders of the nine principal parties were holding separate "apartheid" sessions in a South African hotel, their juniors in Belfast were enacting everything that the talks process has failed to achieve. Unionists and nationalists of all stripes were preparing to swear in the first nationalist Mayor of Belfast, Alban Maginness. At local government level, Northern Ireland's communities are willing to sit round tables, talk and co-operate. It is only the pestilential atmosphere of the peace process" that holds them implacably apart. Power-sharing works, but

orthern Ireland's leaders need not go to South Africa to learn political reform. Down the road to Belfast City Hall is far enough. Indeed, if South Africa has any lesson to teach divided societies, it is that they are best left to sort out their own differences without the intervention of conciliators, outside governments or the international peace industry. South Africa's internal settlement, made entirely on its own, remains history's best advertisement for ostra-

This whole business is about local government. There is an alternative to the Stormont nonsense, It lies in devolving administration below the level of Northern Ireland as a whole. The sooner Mr Blair realises this and starts the train in this direction, the easier he, and Northern Ireland, will sleep at night.

US justice is still in the dock

Tim Hames says

McVeigh's trial

was just for show

s Timothy McVeigh waits to see if a Denver jury will spare his life, American lawyers line up to argue that his conviction has saved the reputation of their profession. Legal commentators have rushed in front of television cameras to claim that all the sins associated with the trial of OJ. Simpson have disappeared with the

decision of 12 good citizens.

They should be sued for malpractice. The McVeigh trial has proved little except that the jury remains out on American justice. The content of the two cases were so different as to make comparison absurd. In so far as any lessons can be drawn, they reinforce not repudiate those learnt in Los Angeles.

In substance, almost everything about the McVeigh and Simpson trials dif-fered. McVeigh is an unknown drifter, Simpson a national celebrity. In 🌰 McVeigh's case, the prosecution never succeeded in producing evidence that directly linked him to the scene of the crime. They could, however, prove that he had access to the means of murder and demonstrate, through his burning hatred of the federal Government, a powerful motive. In the Simpson situation, the scientific evidence at the scene of the crime (if accepted) was overwhelming, but a murder weapon was never discovered; even prosecutors conceded that the time available to commit the crime was tight, and the motive remains uncertain.

The O.J. trial consumed some 120 days, but required little more than four hours to produce an unexpected acquittal. The McVeigh affair absorbed only 25 days, but the jury deliberated for 23 hours — far longer than had been expected — before returning the verdict that the American public had all but demanded. Simpson's prosecutors decided not to seek the death penalty for fear that jurors would shy from a verdict that might send him to death row. In McVeigh's case there was no such calculation. President Clinton had all but promised that execution would be demanded and lethal injection is the most likely sentence.

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The authorities took few chances in McVeigh's prosecution. They were determined both to secure a conviction and to ensure that a fair trial was presented. For that reason, McVeigh was first charged in the federal courts - not Oklahoma, where another trial will follow later — and accused of murdering only the eight government employees present in the Alfred P. Murrah Building when it was blown up. killing 168 people

That allowed the trial to be moved to Denver. It also placed matters in the hands of an experienced Federal Judge. Richard Matsch, who decided that television cameras would be excluded and that defence claims of a wider conspiracy were irrelevant and therefore inadmissible. That was an absolutely vital judgment. Many would maintain that one man and a partial accomplice could not have masterminded such an elaborate act of terrorism. Even if further scrutiny did not exonerate McVeigh, it might have shed more light on the events of April 19, 1995. As it was, the defence was forced to operate on much narrower terrain. Although it was widely acknowledged that the FBI had made serious mistakes in dealing with the forensic evidence at the heart of this case, the defence team never exploited that incompetence.

All this is at complete odds with the Simpson trial. Had Judge Lance Ito followed the McVeigh formula then the racial dimension of the defence case would have been thrown out of court. The private prejudice of Detective Mark Furhman would also have been discarded. As it was, those factors swiftly took centre stage. O.J. Simpson's expensive legal team could hire expert opinion that exploited the failings in forensic evidence to the full. Television would never have entered the equation. In short, the trial itself, not merely the circumstances. would have been entirely different.

Similarly, the drama in Denver might well have taken on a different character if the circumstances in California had been replicated. The whole process would certainly have been longer Television would have permitted an outing to the many conspiracy theories that surround the bombing. The defence could have exploited undoubted holes in the prosecution. If money had been no object, then numerous professors could have been found to dispute the quality of evidence found in the aftermath of the explosion.

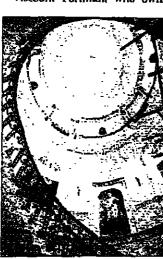
None of this is to suggest that Timothy McVeigh is an innocent man brought down by a determined legal establishment. The evidence against him, although circumstantial, was extremely powerful. But in many ways it was no better and possibly worse than that which faced O.J. Simpson. In both cases the rules of engagement and the resources available to the defendant were extremely significant aspects of the

ultimate outcome. The American judicial system has not been "redeemed" by this verdict. All that has been shown is that, in the right circumstances, a verdict can be obtained that chimes with mainstream opinion. Neither Washington nor the states canor should, do much about the relative wealth of defendants. However, there is much that could be done to ensure that trials focus more firmly on the core evidence and less on the rules by which events proceed. The McVeigh verdict may legitimise complacency and defer

Ace of clubs

AFTER ten years of neglect, there is hope for Home House, the former premises of the Courtauld Institute in Portman Square and the finest Robert Adam townhouse in London. Negotiations are at an advanced stage to turn the Grade I listed building into a private members' club, planned as a cross between the Garrick and the Groucho and offering full menibership to both sexes.

Viscount Portman, who owns



Saved: an Adam gem

the building as part of his £350 million property empire in central London, has apparently given his blessing to the idea and English

Heritage is studying the proposal.

Masterminding the plan is the full-bodied Brian Clivaz, who nimbly slipped out of his job as manager of Simpson's-in-the-Strand recently to devote all his formidable energy to it.

Yesterday Clivaz refused to talk about his scheme, but multimillionaire backers and famous names are said to be behind the

Trenchermen, eigar smokers and chess players will be welcomed among the lady members. Spies, too, are likely to make an appearance, for the club is planning to capitalise on one of building's more notorious former inhabitants: Anthony Blunt had a flat there on the top floor.

 A momentous decision has been taken at Clarence House, where Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother still reaches for her Sporting Life with the eagerness of a schoolgirl for her copy of Bunty. For the first time, she has sent one of her horses to be trained in France. Fireball, the four-year-old

gelding at François Doumen's yard near Chantilly, is said to be appreciating the cuisine.

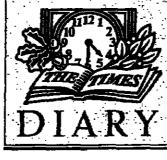
Cook's tour

ROBIN COOK's visit to Rome yesterday proved to be an eye-opener: he had never before visited the Eternal City. Understandably excited before his journey, Cook instructed his office to phone ahead and ask whether he could squeeze

in a spot of sightseeing.
"Of course," replied embassy officials in Rome with the stunned



"Thirty-two mph! It's



look of diners who had been slapped in their faces with a pizza. "We presumed that he must already have visited Rome."

So, before meeting the Prime Minister Romano Prodi and the Foreign Minister Lamberto Dini. Cook was taken on a small tour with our Ambassador. He marvelled at the Colosseum and then stopped off at a restaurant on the Piazza Navona in front of Bernini's famous fountain. Looking sticky in the heat, he spurned the restaurant's famous tartulo ice-cream dish and opted for a very new Labour aqua minerale.

Last word

FIFTY years after the publication of his book The Last Days of Hitler, Hugh Trevor-Roper, now Lord Dacre, has read the German reviews. The book came out in Brit-

ain in March, 1947, and by the winter of 1947-48 was in libraries in Germany set up by the British Occupation authorities According to library records

and readers' comments just discovered among Foreign Office documents, the book was very popular with German readers. Most were deeply appreciative of a non-German account of the war. though some complained that if the British knew Hitler was so awful, why did they do so little to stop him earlier on? A few took Trevor-Roper to task for his high style. though as he writes in the latest Salisbury Review: "After fifty years, I can digest these criticisms. But vanity (a more lasting emo-tion) still enables me to relish the dewdrops. I am happy that even at such a time so many German readers found the book to be objective', 'fair', and undistorted by hate: in other words as I intended it to be, history, not propaganda."

A new leat

STRETCHERS and sal volatile are in order for the elderly audience of Pebble Mill at Onc. with news that their host, the clean-living Alan Titchmarsh, has written a sex and shrubbery novel. Published next year, it will be his first novel, and will be called Mr Macgregor.



Titchmarsh: growth industry

Titchmarsh also presents Gardeners' World and is said to have the sort of looks to drive women into the potting shed with a cold

His book will be a satire in which a daytime television gardening programme suffering from plummeting ratings hires the dashing Rob Macgregor. He saves the show and becomes a housewives' sex symbol, then begins a steamy affair with a newsreader until his longstanding girlfriend finds out. Titchmarsh's agent describes the book as a "very sexy, very spicy number".

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BLUNT INSTRUMENTS

For Labour, saving on debate now must mean paying later

What are Parliaments for? The demand for a Many of the questions that are now being parliament in Scotland springs from the widespread sense that Scotland is currently governed, through the Scottish Office, with insufficient democratic scrutiny and inadequate constitutional safeguards. There is, then, a certain irony in the paving legislation for the Scottish parliament, and the Welsh assembly, being hurried through the House of Commons with a procedural device which curtails scrutiny and impedes the insertion of safeguards. Labour's decision to guillotine debate on its Referendum Bill may have precedents and add to the impression of dynamism; but on this issue the Government has hit highly disputed ground and is running away from the tough questions.

The Government, with more than 80per cent of Scotland's MPs and a clear commitment to change, is understandably impatient to legislate for devolution. It is even more understandably, disinclined to take lectures in constitutional proprieties from a party with no MPs in Scotland or Wales and which has itself used the guillotine to slice Parliament's powers. That does not, however, mean this Government can proceed as it pleases. Bills which change the shape of the constitution are of a different order to Bills which alter class sizes.

The Government argues that the Referendum Bill is not a major piece of constitutional legislation, simply a way of creating a device to test opinion. The Government also believes that many of the amendments tabled to its short Bill are simply vexatious. or snares designed to allow filibustering. This is true but only partly true.

But establishing a precedent for the use of a pre-legislative referendum — especially, as is the case in Scotland, one with two questions - is hardly a minor matter. The passage of the Referendum Bill will alter the constitution and deserves proper scrutiny.

asked of the Government relate specifically to the referendum and are not premature auditions of arguments on devolution.

It is legitimate to debate why only those resident in Scotland and Wales should vote when the entire kingdom will be affected by the result. It is not self-evident why Scotland and Wales should have different questions or why Scots should be asked to vote simultaneously on the principle of a parliament and then whether that parliament should have tax-varying powers. Finally, Parliament might ask why, when even the meanest golf club requires more than a more majority to change its constitution, the United Kingdom can be recast by a simple majority of a tiny minority?

Labour can use its majority to ensure that the Commons does not have the chance to debate these matters in full. But the Lords should not feel constrained meekly to acquiesce. The precedent for aristocrats submitting to guillotines is not happy. If Labour wants its legislation to run on time then the Lords have every right to insist the Government give a commitment that the substantive legislation on devolution is debated in full on the floor of the Commons.

The Scottish Secretary, Donald Dewar, has already, ominously, said that the right result in the referendum would give the Government the "moral authority to speed the passage of devolution". He is wrong. If the Referendum Bill is being sped through Parliament now on the basis that it is a procedural matter, then adequate time must be made available later for the substantive arguments. Victory in the referendum will only give the Government the authority to introduce a Bill, not smuggle it past scrutiny. By deploying the guillotine now, the case for quick passage of the Devolution Bill has become a casualty.

RIGHTING READING

British children could and should be more literate

Standards of literacy in this country are shockingly low. Only half of all II-year-olds reach the level that virtually all should be able to achieve. Without the basic ability to read and write, children of that age cannot cope with secondary school and may then be

So it is encouraging that the Government is concentrating so hard on the three Rs and particularly on remedial education for the long tail of underachievers in our school system. Yesterday Stephen Byers, Minister for Standards, launched a pilot scheme of literacy summer schools for those who are a couple of years behind their reading age at 11. Pupils will have intensive tuition with some individual attention and a healthy injection of fun alongside the work.

For many children who are lagging at this age, such summer camps could make the difference between an easy and a difficult transition to secondary school. The move from a small primary school to a huge secondary can be traumatic enough without the alienation of being unable to follow the lessons properly. Too many children drop out at this stage and turn to truancy and crime. A network of summer schools could help to motivate many underachievers. But there is still the problem of the bottom 20 per cent who are too far behind to catch up with just two weeks of intensive help. Their problems need to be addressed far earlier in

their school careers. At seven, the disparity between the highest and lowest achievers is far smaller than at 11. In the seven-year-old tests, only 20 per cent of pupils fail to achieve the results expected for their age. This percentage

doubles by the end of primary school. In New Zealand, a concentration on literacy has enabled 80 per cent of children to read well through normal teaching. A further 15 per cent catch up after an intensive Reading Recovery programme starting at six. Only 5 per cent still have reading problems by the end of primary school.

Britain needs to improve both the general teaching of literacy and the remedial effort put into those who fall behind. Mr Blunkett's emphasis on phonics, in which children are taught the relationship between letters and sounds, and his advocacy of a "literacy hour" in school each day, should help to improve the skills of the majority. Then the minority needs to be addressed.

First, teachers need to understand why children fail to learn to read. Although there is some correlation between test results and deprivation, there is still a huge variation between schools with a similar social intake. So, for instance, primary schools with the most deprived pupils range from a 70 per cent success rate at 11-year-old English tests to 0 per cent. Poverty and lack of parental support have become alibis behind which ineffective teachers and schools learn to hide. But with good teaching, most children from

any social background can succeed. As well as being offered remedial help. underachievers could benefit from a less rigid obsession with chronological age. Tony Blair has already suggested that able children should be accelerated through school. The converse should be allowed for those who need more time to grasp the basics. In many continental countries, children who fall behind are expected to repeat a year. If this were done here at the age of seven, more children would leave primary school with the critical skills necessary to cope with the next stage of their life.

ROME IS NOT DONE IN A DAY

But a good way to start is at ease with a tartufo

Robin Cook, the Foreign Secretary, met his Italian counterpart, Lamberto Dini, in Rome yesterday. They discussed the high diplomacy of the European Union. But be-fore their meeting, Mr Cook enjoyed the even higher experience of his first visit to Rome. He sat in Tre Scalini, the old pastryshop, home of the tartufo Nerone (the chocolate ice-cream shaped like the breast of an Amazonian Venus), watching the crowds milling around the Piazza Navona with its baroque fountains and stalls of trinkets.

All roads do not lead to Rome, except metaphorically. But every road in Rome leads to eternity. The Piazza Navona is its peculiar shape and size because it is built above Domitian's stadium, which could accommodate 30,000 spectators. Almost as many still flock there in June. And 19 centuries ago satirists taunted Domitian for his taste for ice-cream, suggesting that that sabretoothed Emperor also had a sweet tooth.

Mr Cook's first entry into Rome was a better way to start than the 30-minute tour of the Vatican or the Disneyfied Esperienza Romana. Others might have chosen to enter through the Forum and up the Palatine for an emperor's eye-view of the city. Edward Gibbon found the project for his life's work musing amidst the ruins of the Capitol, while the bare-footed friars were singing

vespers in the Temple of Jupiter. However one enters, a first meeting with Rome is a climax. Or sometimes an anticlimax. For indeed Rome was not built in a day: it just looks like it. Andy Warhol said that Rome is an example of what happens when the buildings in a city last too long. Rome reminded James Joyce of a man who lives by exhibiting to travellers the corpse of his grandmother. On his first visit, Dickens saw Rome as an inferior version of London. with a building site around one big dome. And in Inside Mr Enderby, the irascible middle-aged poet who was a projection of the author, Anthony Burgess, said Rome was a vastly overrated city: "It trades on belief just as Stratford trades on Shakespeare."

A commoner reaction to the first Roman holiday is that of Horace catching sight of his prospects up the Appian Way. Or of Henry James, who spent his first day reeling and moaning through the streets in a fever of enjoyment. "I traversed almost the whole of Rome and got a glimpse of everything the Forum, the Coliseum (stupendissimo!), the Pantheon, the Capitol, St Peter's, the Column of Trajan, the Castle of St Angelo all the piazzas and ruins and monuments."

Horace, a man for a tartulo, would have been a less exhausting companion. The Eternal City is not going to disappear. So there is enough there to last a lifetime. A sound recipe for good tourism anywhere is to say agree that when in Rome one should do as the Romans do. Reeling and rushing around trying to see it all on the first day is a programme for bad temper and headache. But the man who goes to Rome as a tourist can return as a lover. Yesterday, Mr Cook may have started a life long romance of discovery, and not just of EU monetary policy.

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French election

From the Chairman of the Labour Euro Safeguards Campaign

Sir, Surely, after the French elections, the "wait and see" policy of both the present Government and its predecessor on the question of Britain joining the single currency should now be abandoned.

The Maastricht treaty convergence criteria and the efforts made to meet them have not only, as Anatole Kaletsky points out today, helped to inflict and maintain unacceptably high levels of unemployment on the two architeer nations. France and Germany (see also leading article, "Bastille Day"), but have led to the fudging and fiddling of national financial accounts in both countries, and in Belgium and Italy as well, in a truly disgraceful

way. Now, as Sunday's massive rejection of France's pro-single currency Government has shown, it is also proving to be a potent source of political instability. All these adverse consequences have occurred in the run-up to a single currency. Once achieved, a single currency would make things worse. Not only would deflation be institutionalised in Western Europe, but its baneful effects would be enhanced by the severe fiscal penalties and fines to be imposed on defaulting nations by the stability pact which will come into force the moment the single currency

is adopted. The pursuit of folly over so long a period and in the face of such deleterious effects needs some explaining.

But we know the answer. The single currency is not about the economy, it is about politics, and above all the massive enterprise which, for their different reasons, Chancellor Kohl, President Mitterrand and the Commission President Delors launched nearly a decade ago, to create a European state.

A single currency does indeed make such a state inevitable. And it is precisely because our people do believe in self-government that we must not and will not join.

Yours faithfully. PETER SHORE (Labour MP, 1964-97), c/o House of Commons.

Silver lining

From Mr Bryan Cassidy, MEP for Dorset and East Devon (European People's Party Parliamentary Group (Conservative))

Sir, The result of the French election is not all bad news. If French Socialists can romp back to power after sustaining a crushing defeat four years ago which left them with only one fifth of the seats in the Chamber of Deputies, why shouldn't the Conservatives be able to achieve the same feat at our next general election?

Yours faithfully, BRYAN CASSIDY, 135 Hankinson Road Bournemouth, Dorset.

Advisers at No 10

From the Minister without Portfolio Sir, I am grateful to Sir Brian Barder (letter, June 3) for putting into its proper context Sue Cameron's argument over the meetings which I chair each morning in the Cabinet Office ("Mandelson and the new mandarins", May

Ms Cameron was concerned that the presence of Alastair Campbell, Jonathan Powell and special advisers working for John Prescott, Gordon Brown and Robin Cook represented an eclipsing of the politically neutral Civil Service. Even if this were so (which it is not) she failed to mention that these meetings are also attended by, and receive active contribution not only from Alex Allan, the Principal Private Secretary at 10 Downing Street, but also an official from my office, a representative of the Cabinet Secretary, Sir Robin Butler, and Alastair Campbell's deputy, a career civil servant.

So in personnel terms they are really little different from the meetings chaired by Michael Heseltine, though they are, thankfully, more effective and decisive.

Yours faithfully. PETER MANDELSON, Cabinet Office, 70 Whitehall, SWI. June 3.

Drivers' mobile phones From Mr Alan Wells

Sir, Concern about drivers' use of mobile phones is reasonable and justified (report and leading article, May 1; reports, May 20, 21); but the police, who are supportive of these concerns and also responsible for monitoring driving performance. should set an example by putting their own house in order.

Too often one sees in busy urban areas the driver of a police patrol car using a hand-held radio. To do so when responding to an emergency using blue lights and siren must surely increase the danger to themselves and other road users. The consequences can be fatal.

Yours faithfully, ALAN WELLS, 5 York Road, Ashford, Kent.

Effects on euro of Proper role for a teaching council

From the General Secretary of the Professional Association of Teachers

Sir. I would agree wholeheartedly with Dr Martin Stephen that "the Government's promise of a General Teaching Council must mean the creation of a professional organisation to control teaching and to have some say on standards in the profession" ("Who respects teachers?", Education. May 30), but I would take i/sue with his comparison with the British

Medical Association. The body within the medical profession that a General Teaching Council should be compared with is the General Medical Council, not the BMA. The one thing that it should not be is sume kind of new super trade union for teachers, or the reincarnation of the Burnham committeet it needs to have entirely different functions from those quite properly exercised by the

existing teacher trade unions. Among the duties of a General

Teaching Council would be: To keep under review the standards

of entry to the teaching profession. To consider matters relating to the supply of teachers, other than remuneration or conditions of service, and to make recommendations on these tothe Secretary of State.

3. To recommend to the Secretary of State criteria for accreditation of cistitutions for teacher training.

4. To establish and keep a register of qualified persons suitable as teachers.

A role of this nature would, I suggest, create Dr Stephen's "professional organisation to control teaching and have some say on standards in the profession".

Professional Association of Teachers,

Yours faithfully. JOHN R. ANDREWS. General Secretary.

Friar Gate, Derby.

From Mr Jeremy Woodhouse

Sir. Having spent a career teaching history in schools. I fully endorse Martin Stephen's historical analysis of the low status of the teaching pro-

fession in English society. But I do not agree with his implication that teaching is, in comparison with industry, not the "real world". This apologetic cliche in turn implies acceptance of an inferior status, which is exactly what Dr Stephen wants to overcome. The demands of teaching a class of pupils are fully as real as those of, say, leading a platoon of TA sol-

diers on exercise.
I doubt if an industrial manager would come away from a week in the classroom feeling that he for she had not experienced reality.

Yours sincerely. JEREMY WOODHOUSE. Gypsy Furlong, Lockeriage Nr Marlborough, Wiltshire. May 30.

Abolition of worship in schools

From Mr L. L. Blake

Sir, You report (May 30) that "Head teachers promised yesterday to press for the abolition of daily prayers because schools feel it is hypocritical and impractical to enforce worship." On your Education page on the same day Martin Stephen writes an article under the headline, "Who respects teachers?"

Do not teachers see the connection? Unless children are encouraged to engage in a collective act of worship that embraces the civilised, fundamentally Christian principles of their society, it is certain that children will show little respect for anything else, including their teachers.

Yours truly. L. L. BLAKE, 271 Lonsdale Road, SW13.

From Mr Nicolas Walter

Sir, The overwhelming vote by the Association of Head Teachers against the legal imposition of collective worship on schools is a significant step in the long struggle against this pro-

foundly anti-educational practice. Freethinkers have opposed it from the earliest days of state education indeed the Secularist movement arose from the original campaign for secular education a century and a half ago. It also used to be opposed by political organisations, including the Labour Party, but Labour governments have hesitated to do anything about it.

However, now that so many teachers, inspectors, governors, administrators, educationists and politicians agree that virtually compulsory religious worship, of whatever denomi-nation, has no place in publiclyfunded schools used by children from various religious and non-religious backgrounds, may we hope that the new Labour Government, with its overwhelming parliamentary majority, including a large intake of new and young Members, will at last repeal this law and enable our schools to develop genuinely educational

forms of secular assembly to express their collective identity?

NICOLAS WALTER. Rationalist Press Association. 88 Islington High Street, NI.

From the Reverend Prebendary N. Jackson-Stevens

Sir, Chris Nye, head of Park Primary School in Gloucester, while citing the fact that none of his clerical relatives goes to an organised act of worship every day as a reason to abolish daily prayers in schools, ought to be aware that Canon C26 of the Church of England states that "every bishop, priest and deacon is under obligation to say daily the Morning and Evening Prayer either privately or openly". Despite the liberal tendency of some of the clergy today many still do.

Yours faithfully, NIGEL JACKSON-STEVENS. The Vicarage, St Brannock's Road. Ilfracombe, Devon.

From Mr P. B. Waterfield

Sir, Chris Nye's argument really won't do. His clerical relatives may not attend an organised act of worship every day, but I'm sure they say their prayers and read their Bibles. It will be a cultural as well as a religious tragedy if the great majority of children grow up without hearing the Bible stories, singing the best hymns, and learning to pray for compassion, respect for others and honesty.

The head of Cardrew Junior School's "unease over 'indoctrinating' children" is equally absurd. What else is teaching at its best but indoctri-nating children in our culture? Even the most fervent religious teaching has never prevented children from making their own decisions.

Yours sincerely, P. B. WATERFIELD. Tredower, St Martin-in-Meneage. Helston, Cornwall. May 31.

Oxford's Bacon

From the Master of Pembroke College, Oxford

Sir, No doubt there are two views of the Pembroke Junior Common Room's decision to sell its Bacon. Mr P. R. Millest's letter (May 24). however, contains inaccuracies and I feel obliged to respond.

In addition to the Bacon, which was

on loan to the Ashmolean, the JCR collection also included a number of excellent examples of paintings by a remarkable generation of post-1945 English artists. These were displayed in a modest room reserved for that purpose in the college itself. Those not being exhibited were kept in a specially designed area which, while far from perfect, was certainly neither neglected nor forgotten.

Some of the paintings from both groups were exhibited, together with paintings that belong to the college, at Eights' Week last year. That was a joint effort between the Senior and the Junior Common Rooms.

At no time has the SCR suggested the collection belonged to the college or should be sold for the benefit of the college's endowment. Certainly in the four years since I have been Master no one has queried the ownership being in the JCR, and indeed the fellow responsible for the college's art collection, together with the law fellows, has worked closely with the JCR as they have thought through the future of their collection.

Faithfully yours. ROBERT STEVENS. Master, Pembroke College, Oxford.

> Letters for publication may be faxed to 0171-782 5046.

World Cup embargo

From Mrs Glenys Kinnock. MEP for South Wales East (Socialist Group (Labour))

Sir. An EU sports embargo was placed upon Nigeria after the execution of Ken Saro Wiwa and the eight Ongoni activists in November 1995 one of a number of measures which European member states imposed

upon the Lagos regime. European development ministers have already broken the common position on visa restrictions by inviting a Nigerian minister to a joint Africa, Caribbean and Pacific/EU meeting held in Luxembourg last

Now it is likely that foreign ministers, as a result of great pressure from France, will claim that since the sports embargo was agreed after the date and venue for the World Cup was decided, they need not impose a ban on the participation of the Nigerian football team in the World Cup in 1998. It is my understanding that foreign ministers will tuday simply allow this decision through "on the nod".

European commitment to democratic reform in Nigeria is already, justifiably, seen as weak and ineffectual. How can it, therefore, be acceptable to give such a signal to those in Nigeria who will use it as proof of our willingness to "deal" with the regime?

General Abacha will welcome the fact that Europe has ensured that he can, at least, keep his football fans

Yours sincerely, GLENYS KINNOCK. European Parliament, 97 rue Belliard, Brussels B-1047. June 2.

Long and short of a Latin epigram

From Mr Hubert Picarda, QC

Sir. Philip Howard should not free over his Latin nowler ("Sorry I played you false . . .". May 3i).

The great Charterhouse classics master and Loeb editor. Thomas Ethelbert Page, CH. DLin, blundered almost as badly. In his Latin elegiacs celebrating the 150th anniversary of The Times on January 1, 1935, he hein-ously treated the final syllable of quinquaginta as short though I believe sexaginta occurs thus, once, in Mar-

Hubert Watson, a Balliol man, wrote to the Editor:

"Indignor quandoque bonus dormitat Inclytus offendit Pagina, tune stupeo Quinquaginta metri causa si scribere

Omnia dediscant quae docuit pueri. "It eries as me sore when Homer rock" But when Page blunders, O ye gods!

If quinquaginta's really short.

Let boys unlearn the rules he Gught. The Editor's neat reply, declining publication "with compliments and regrets", at least avoided a trisyllabic ending to the pentameter:

Ne coram populo mendosum corrige Offendai quamvis Pagina, parce seni. Of schol ar's facilis let not the world be told. If Page has blundered, reader, spare the

According to Watson, in Jabberwocky etc More English Rhymes with Latin Renderings (1937). Page, then well into his eighties, "was not a little upset when he realised the mistake he

had made". Page, incidentally, learnt to versify at Shrewsbury, at the feet of the great Benjamin Hall Kennedy of Latin Primer (and Gender Rhymes) fame.

Yours faithfully. HUBERT PICARDA. 3 New Square, Lincoln's Inn. WC2.

From Mr John Wilson

Sir, It is as handsome of Philip Howard to admit to a false quantity as it is unsurprising that the Cambridge judges made no award this year for the composition of a Latin epigram (report, May 23).

Cum brevia ipse Howard nescit disringuere longis. Scribere non miror recte non posse

When Howard himself cannot Distinguish short from long. I'm not surprised a lot Of lesser men go wrong. I am, etc.

15 Norham Gardens, Oxford.

University of Oxford.

JOHN WILSON.

From Mr Nicholas Lane Sir. As a past winner of the Sir William Browne Medal, might I suggest there is a simpler reason why no entries of the required standard were

Department of Educational Studies,

submitted to the Cambridge judges this year. Browne Medals, unlike other prizes for verse composition, have no cash incentive. Betty Boothroyd, this year's chosen theme, would, I am sure. be relieved to know that at Cambridge, at

least, there is no "cash for epigrams". NICHOLAS LANE. 37 Burlington Road, W4.

Ban on 'Crash'

May 23.

From Mr Francis Bennion

Sir. Another example of the overruling of the film censor by a local authority (letter from Judge McHale. May 26) was the 1975 decision of the Greater London Council to allow exhibition to London adults of More about the language of love, a sex-education film of general interest.

What happened next was that the Director of Public Prosecutions, disregarding the council's certificate. brought a prosecution for obscenity at common law. As I remember, it was emphatically

not a film where the actors adopted the expedient mentioned by Judge McHale of keeping their backs to the Yours faithfully. FRANCIS BENNION,

Kennington, Oxford. May 27.

5 Old Nursery View,

From Mr.A. E. Brewer Sir, I must be older than Judge McHale because I recall that, in the 1930s, the Americans sent over a film

called Damaged Lives. The British Board of Film Censors refused it an exhibition licence, but Essex County Council licensed the film and I saw it at the Hippodrome.

It was a fairly ordinary tale of a family disrupted when the husband caught syphilis; but local doctors (I think from King George's Hospital) seized the moment and, after the film. gave a lecture on venereal disease, illustrated with horribly explicit coloured slides. There were nurses on duty to deal with those overcome by the gory details.

Altogether a fun evening - but I

imagine that no member of that audience ever forgot it. Yours faithfully,

ALAN BREWER. 154 Evelyn Avenue, Ruislip, Middlesex. May 2b.



COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE June 3: His Excellency Mr Tsedenjavyn Suhbaalar was received in audience by The Queen and presented the Letters of Recall of his redecessor and his own Letters of Credence as Ambassador from Mongolia to the Court of St James's. Mrs Dashin Ovunchimeg was also received by Her Majesty.

Sir John Coles (Permanent Under-Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs) was present. General Sir Alexander Harley was received by The Queen upon his pointment as Adjutant General. Mr Justice Early was received by The Queen upon his appointment as a Justice of the High Court when Her Majesty conferred upon him the horizor of Knighthood and invested

him with the Insignia of a Knight Chamberlain of the Household) was received in audience by The Queen and presented an Address from the House of Commons to which Her Majsty was graciously pleased to

make reply.

The Rt Hon Anthony Blair MP (Prime Minister and First Lord of the Treasury) had an audience of The Queen this evening.

The Duke of Edinburgh, Master, this morning attended the Annual Court Meeting, Church Service and Luncheon at Trinity House, Tower Hill, London EC3.

Hill. London EC3.
His Royal Highness, Founder and Chairman of the International Trust-

ees of The Duke of Edinburgh's Award International Association, this evening gave a Reception of Bucking-hum Palace and later attended a Dinner at St James's Palace.

The Ludy Elton has succeeded the Hon Mary Morrison as Lady in Waiting to Her Majesty.

June 3: The Duke of York, Elder
Brother, this morning attended the Annual Court Meeting, Church Service and Luncheon at Trinity House, Tower Hill, London EC3.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE June 3: The Prince Edward, Trustee of The Duke of Edinburgh's Award International Foundation, this evening attended a Reception at Buckingham Palace followed by a World Fellowship Dinner at St James's Palace.

June 3: The Princess Royal, Colonel-in-Chief, Royal Corps of Signals, this morning visited the 14th Signal Regiment (Electronic Warfare) at Cawdor Barracks, near Haverford

CLARENCE HOUSE June 3: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother was present this evening at a Reception at the Royal Air Force Club given to mark the Club's Seventy Fifth Anniversary. Mrs Michael Gordon-Lennox and

Sir Alustair Aird were in attendance. ST JAMES'S PALACE
June 3: The Prince of Wales, Presi dent. this evening attended a Dinner to celebrate The Prince's Trust's Twenty First Anniversary.

KENSINGTON PALACE
June 3: The Princess Margaret.
Countess of Snowdon this evening
opened the British Interior Design
Exhibition at a Gala Preview in aid of Queen Elizabeth's Foundation for Disabled People at 1 Cambridge Gate, Regent's Park, London NWI.

YORK HOUSE June 3: The Duke of Kent, President June 3: The Duke of Near, Pressions the Engineering Council, this morn-ing opened the new regional head-quarters of Hallburton Brown and Root, Hill Park, Springfield Drive. Leatherhead, and was received by Mr. Gordon Lee-Steere (Vice Lord Lieutenant of Surrey).

His Royal Highness this afternoon opened Meadows Mental Health Unit. West Park Hospital. Horton

Premium Bonds

The 51 million prize in the Premium Bond draw for June was won with bond number 52NW 658190. The winner lives in Surrey. and has a hond holding of £30,000. The following Premium Bond were announced prizewinners vesterday:

£100,000: 04ET 265694, winner has a holding of £12,500 and comes from Hereford and Worcester: 19WZ 095076, 5224, Perthshire and Kinross; 40TL 029763, 520,000. Ealing, west London; 3IGW 29231, E5525, Hampshire: 42NW 045764, £19.755, Gloucestershire. £50,000: 59ZW 173646, £12,004. Staffordshire: 40NW 958839. \$20,000. Nottinghamshire: 30QF 98927n, £20,000, East Sussex; SIBL 048077, £11.270, Northampton-shire: 55HB 397335, £8,125, Wiltshire: 17PW 327489, £3,850. Camden, north London: 60AN 83(007 £1,600, Suffolk; 62BS (79763, £20,000, Islington, north London.

£25.000: 65LK 348924, £20.000. Lewisham, south London: 67BB 292925. £17,000. City of West-minster: 45KP 579546. £20,000. Overseas: ISNP 746713, £20,000. West Glamorgan: 44HP \$42071. 56,310: Norfolk: 55HW 022444. 113.000). Surrey: 43VN 204203. £100, Devon: 30JP 125011. £20,000. Cheshire: ISVW 853196, £1,050, Overseas: 28VW 226869, £100, Middlesex: 76BN 399840, £10,000. Berkshire: 30MS 591228, £8,000. Tyne & Wear: 48NZ 674688. £19,988. Gloucestershire: 50TK 897603, £11,450. Kent; 48LP 359226. 220,000. Berkshire: 48RF 492540. £7.605. Hertfordshire: 23KP 519009. Qu. Northamptonshire:

Westminster School

Scholarships:

M. Kerimol (Westminster Under School); J. W. Bakes (Westminter Under School); M. X. Malinowski (Westminster Under School); E. R. Westminster Under School); A. H. D. Bernchley (The Mall School); N. T. S. Pimiott (Westminster Under School); A. J. Fry (Dulwich College Preparatory School); E. A. J. Waddingham (Gayhurst School).

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Honorary Schobarships:
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Schooli, G H Renwick (North Bridge
House School).

The Richard Ediln Mathematics Bursary has been awarded to: N D Krempel (Westminster Under School).

School.

Sith Form awards:

Anne-Maric Cunnold (North London Collegiate School) funded by the Bernard Sunley Foundation:

Daphine Harvey (Bromley High School) funded by the Ravne Foundation: Zhiging Hu (Southend High School for Girls) funded by the Emmont Foundation: Nisha Makan (St Helen's School for Girls): Robert Marsh (Dulwich College) funded by the Emmont Foundation and the Cuthbert Heath Memorial Foundation: Emily Mears (City of London School for Girls) funded by the Bernard Sunley Foundation: Raghu Nandaku mara (153): Independent School) funded partly by the Emmont Foundation: Leita Peacock (Lauret Bank School). dependent School) funded / the Emmon Foundation: secock (Laurel Bank School).

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Scholarship - M D O Brown (Westminster Under School): A R J Campkin (North Bridge House School). School).

Exhibitions - J A Church (West-minster Cathedral Choir School); C J Knaggs (Trevor-Roberts Preparatory School); A S Millar (Westminster Under School); J A Sakal (Holmwood House School); T D P Wroe (Westminster Under School).

The Cardinal Vaughan Memorial School

Solemn Sung Mass, to mark the retirement of Mr Anthony Pellegrini, Headmaster of The Cardinal Vaughan Memorial School since 1976, will be held in Westminster Cathedral on Wednesday, June 18, at 7.00pm. All former pupils, parents and friends of the School are invited to attend.

Horris Hill v Arabs

On Sunday June 29, at Horris Hill School, Newbury, E.W. Swanton's Arabs XI will play M.J.L. Stow's XI, to mark the 50th Anniversary of this fixture. All old boys. Arabs. members and friends of the school are welcome to attend. Play starts at II.30am.

Field Marshal Sir James Cassels

A service of thanksgiving for the life of Field Marshal Sir James Cassels, GCB, KBE, DSO, will be held in the Garrison Chapel, Fort George, Inverness-shire at 3pm on Sunday, July 13, 1997. Members of the Regiment and friends wishing to attend the service are asked to nform the Secretary, Seaforth Highlanders Regimental Associ-ation, Cameron Barracks. Inverness. IV2 3XD by not later than

CARTER - Peacefully in her sieep on june 2nd aged 84, Phyllis, beloved wife of Eric, mother of Julie and Addan and grandmother of Oliver, Louise, Rachel and Simon. Crematon at Beckenham Crematorium on Friday 13th June at 2 pm. Family flowers only but donations to Age Concern c/o Francis Chappell & Sons, Boundary Place, Sevenoaks Road, Orpington, tel: (01689) 875116.

COOPER - On May 31st 1997 Lorna Cooper, Dame of the Order of St John, peacefully at Woodpeckers Nursing Home, Brockenhunt, in her 96th year, last Surviving child of Canon and Mrs AN. Cooper of Piley, Yorkshire, Private cremation. Service at Bounhembouth Cremators, if desired, to Wings Fellowship Trust (holidays for the disabled), Service of Thanksgiving to be beld at St. Thomas' Church, Lymington at 3 pm on Tuesday July 8th. All enquiries to Diamond & Son, Lymington at 3 pm on Tuesday July 8th. All enquiries to Diamond & Son, Lymington, Hants. (01590) 672060.

Lymington, Hants. (01590)
672060.
COX - Alan John, husband of Christine, father of Anthony and Geraldine and som of Mary and Reg, died peacefully at home on June 1st. Sadly missed by all. Funers! Service at Easthampstead Park Crematorium, Bracknell, Berks on Friday 6th June at 1.30 pm. All welcome, Family flowers only, Donations to Wokingham and District Cancer Care Trust (Macmillan Nurses), c/o Cyril H. Lovegrove, 58 Briants Avenue, Cavensham, Reading EG4 58A, tel: (01734) 461393.
CRAWFORD - Derick Alexander on June 2nd VII Hospital, Midhurst, Private cremation. Memorial Service at Ebermoe Church 2pm on Monday June 9th, Family flowers only, donations to Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund.

Macmilian Fund.

DUIT - On 24th May 1997, in
London, Pauline Deirdre
Dutt, beloved wife of Trevor
and mother of Damien and
Alexander. Funeral Service
at Patney Vale Cometery on
11th June at 11.15 am.
Flowers to A France & Son,
45 Lamb's Conduit Street,
London WCIN 3NEI (017)406 4901).

ERLES - Maryon, see Bechar above.

GILFORD - Harry passed beacefully away on June 2nd 1997, most dearly loved brother of Dona and much loved unche to all his family. President of the West Essex Golf Club for 14 years. Liveryman of the Worshipful Company of Eakers, Puneral Service on Tuesday June 10th at 10 am at Our Lady of Grace and St Terresa Catholic Church, Station Road, Chingford, B4, followed by a reception at the West Essex Golf Club, Bury Road, Chingford, The Family only will attend a private cremation. No flowers. Donations in his memory to St Joseph's Hospice, Mare Street, Hackney, London ES.

Street, Hackney, London EE.
GRAHAM-BRYCE- Dame Isabel
Graham Bryce D.B.E. There
will be a memorial service
for Dame Isabel, at St.
Columba's Church, Alfred
Street, Oxford, on Samuday
Jame 21st 1997, at 230pm.
Enquiries to 01865 791856.
No filowers please but
donations to the Langue of
Friends, Edcliffe Infirmary,
Oxford, to 23 Elus Road,
Oxford, 032 912.

Birthdays

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh will dine with the Garter Knights at Spencer House at 7.50. The Duke and Duchess of Gloucester and the Duke of Kent will also attend.

Today's royal

engagements

The Duke of Edinburgh, as Field Marshal, will inspect the In-Pensioners at the Founder's Day Parade, at the Royal Hospital Chelsea, at 10.15. The Princess Royal, as Colonel-in-Chief. The Royal Signals, will visit

21 Signal Regiment (Air Support) at Azminghur Barracks, Coleme, near Chippenham, Wiltshire. at 10.00; and will visit Churchward Retail Park, Swindon at 240. Princess Margaret will open the refurbished Foyer Building in Alexander Road, Swansea, at (200); will visit the Grand Theatre and launch a programme of events

Glamorgan. at 2.40. The Duke of Kent will unveil statues of Field Marshal Montgomery and a Second World War soldier, at the D-Day Museum, Southsea, Portsmouth at 11.45.

today

General Sir Cecil Blacker, 81; Mr Bob Champion, jockey and trainer, 49: Air Vice-Marshal G.A Chesworth, Lord-Lieutenant of Morayshire, 67: Sir Christopher Cockerell, FRS, hovercraft inventor, 87: Vice-Admiral Sir Toby Frere, 59: Rear-Admiral Sir Paul Greening, former Master of HM's Household, 69; Mr A.H.C. Greenwood, former deputy chairman, British Aerospace, 80: the Earl of

The Duke of Edinburgh, Master of Trinity House, and the Duke of York, an

Elder Brother, on their way to the lighthouse authority's annual church service at Tower Hill, London, yesterday

Halsbury, FRS, 89. Miss Andrea Jaeger, tennis player. 32; Vice-Admiral Sir John Lea, 74; Mr J.D.R. Lyon, former chief executive, Rexam. 61: Mr Geoffrey Palmer, actor, 70; Sir John Sparrow, company director, 64; Professor J.C. West, former Vice-Chancellor, Bradford University. 75; Sir David Yardley, former chairman, Commission for Local Administration in England.

Legal appointment Mr Peter Milwyn Evans to be a District Judge on the Wales & Chester Circuit.

Anniversaries BIRTHS: William Gilpin, writer

Scaleby Castle, near Carlisle, 1724: King George III. reigned 1760 1820. London. 1738: Stephen Roster. songwriter. Pittsburgh, 1826: Baron Carl Mannerheim, general. President of Finland 1944-46, Askainen. 1867: Rosalind Russell, actress, Connecticut. 1911. DEATHS: William Juxon. Arch bishop of Canterbury 1660-63. London, 1663: Giovanni Casanova.

ecclesiastic, soldier and diplomat, Duchov, Czechoslovakia, 1798; Marguerite Gardiner. Countess of Blessington, novelist, Paris, 1849; F.R. Spofforth, cricketer, "the demon bowler". Ditton Hill Lodge, Surrey, 1920: William II, German Emperor 1888-1918, Doorn, The Netherlands. 1941: Serge Koussevitsky, conductor, Boston, Massachusetts. 1951: Dorothy Gish, stage and film actress, Rapallo. Italy, 1968; Gyorgy Lukács, philosopher, 1971.

The first Trooping the Colour ceremony took place on Horse Guards Parade, London, 1805. The Reform Bill was passed, 1832. Rome was liberated by the Allies

Tonga, or the Friendly Islands, became independent, 1970.

Forthcoming marriages

Dr C.J. Atkin

and Miss S.L. Dowling The engagement is announced between Chris, youngest son of the late Mr William Atkin and of Mrs Atkin, of Chadlington, Oxfordshire, and Siobhan, younger daughter of the late Dr St John Dowling and of Mrs Dowling, of Perry Green. Herrfordshire.

Mr J.A. Bracey-Gibbon and Miss A. Contomichalos The engagement is announced

between Jonathan, son of Mr and Mrs John Bracey-Gibbon, of Great Bedwyn, Wiltshire, and Alexandra. daughter of Mr Gerassimos Contomichalos and the late Mrs Sophia Contomichalos, of Cape Town, South Africa.

Mr R.M. Browning and Miss S.E. Chadwick

The engagement is announced between Mark, younger son of Mr and Mrs Robert Browning, of Hydra. Greece, and Sophia, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Patrick Chadwick, of Clifton, York. Mr T.N. Chapman and Miss K. Partridge

The engagement is announced between Timothy, younger son of Mr and Mrs Brian Chapman, of Ribchester, Lancashire, and Kim, elder daughter of Mr John Partridge and the late Mrs John Partridge, of Thornton Heath, Surrey.

Mr J.S.S. Hobbs and Miss A.A. Harden The engagement is announced between Julian Hobbs, of London. and Alyson Harden, of Glasgow and London.

Mr S.H. Craven and Miss D.W. Gonella

The engagement is announced between Seton, elder son of Mr and Mrs Dominic Craven, of Hartley Wintney, Hampshire, and Diane, younger daughter of the late Mr Charles Gonella and of Mrs Gwendoline Gonella. of Peckham, London.

Mr S.A. Lovell and Miss A.V. Routledge

The engagement is announced between Simon, son of Mr and Mrs Robin Lovell, of St Lucia. West Indies, and Cranleigh. Surrey, and Ann, daughter of Mr and Mrs Bryan Routledge, of Oxted, Surrey.

Marriage Dr J.H. Harris

and Miss S.A. Tyler

The marriage took place on Sat-urday, May 24, at the Church of St John the Divine, Cwmbach Llechrhyd, of Dr Jonathan Harry Harris, only son of Mr and Mrs Harry Harris, of East Preston. West Sussex, and Miss Sarah Ann Tyler, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Norman Tyler, of Llanfaredd, Powys. Canon Alan Pearcey and the Rev John Tyler officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was at-tended by her sister, Miss Mary Tyler, Isabel Hollom and Virginia Cordy-Redden. Dr John Paddy was best man.

A reception was held at the home of the bride and the honeymoon is being spent in the Caribbean.

Dinners

A memorial service for Sir David Hildvard, KCMG, DPC, will take place in St Luke's Church, Sydney Street. SW3, at noon on Tuesday, June 24, 1997,

Sir David

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Hugh Faulkner

A service of thanksgiving for the life and work of Hugh Faulkner. OBE, first director of Help the Aged, later director of the Asthma Research Council (now the National Asthma Campaign) and then hon director of the Persistent Virus Disease Research Foundation will be held at St Martin-in-the-Fields. Trafalgar Square, London, on Monday, June 23, at 3.00pm. All are welcome.

Alfred Aubone Baden Fuller

A Memorial Service for Alfred Aubone Baden Fuller will be held in Lincoln's Inn Chapel on Tuesday, July 8, 1997, at 5.00pm.

Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain Mr Ian Caldwell, President of the

Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain, presided at a dinner held last night at I Lambeth High Street. Baroness Gardner Parkes also spoke. Among others

Parkes also spoke. Among others present were: Sir Graham Hart, Sir John and Lady Chalstrey. Sir Neville Purvis, the President of the Royal College of General Practitioners, the President of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons, the Chief Executive of the Carers National Association, the Chief Scientific Officer, Department of Health, the Head of Inspection and Enforcement. Medicines Control Agency, the Director General of the Association of British Pharmaceutical Industry, Mr Kelth Krzywicki, Mr Norman Usher, Mr Gawin K Bell, Ms Imekia McLoughila and Mr Ian Murray. European-Aflantic Group European-Atlantic Group

Mr Julius Nyerere was the speaker European-Atlantic Group held last night at the St Ermin's Hotel. Lord Judd presided. Mr Nick Hare and Sir Peter Marshall also spoke.

Service dinner

The Rifle Brigade Brigadier C.J.Mc. Harrisson pre-sided at the annual dinner of the Rifle Brigade Club held last night at the Cavalry and Guards Club.

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BIRTHS DEATHS

BAREY - On May 28th 1997, to Lara (née Kitkaldy) and Richard, a son, Oliver Angr BARHAM - On 31st May, to Clare (née Turnbull) and

Edward, a daughter, Helen Jane, a sister for Emily and George. GAMBLES - On May 22nd at The Portland Hospital, to Christine (use Hastings) and John, a son, Henry Samuel Fauvel

GODFREY - On 2nd june 1997, to Flona (née Lorimer) and Peter, a son, Harry George Rupert, a brother for Chris, Thomas, Sarah and Katie. IOBBS - On June 2nd 1997, to Beather (née McCann) and Jamie, a daughter, Leonora Olivia Mary.

Miller - On May 23rd at The Portland Hospital, to Elizabeth (née Morgan) and David, a daughter, isabelle. NRSHIMURA - On May 31st at the Hospital of St John & St Elizabeth, to At and Ken, a lovely son, Yo, 3.4 kg at 4.14am

ROBERTS - On 2nd june 1997 at St Thomas' Hospital, to Camilla (née Henderson) and Andrew, a son, Henry Docre Hazard.

USHFORD - On May 8th, to Sharon (née Phillips) and Kevin, a son, Calum. SARANTINOS - On May 31st at the Hospital of St John & St Elizabeth, to Stratis and Violetta, a beautiful son, Constantine, a brother for Nicholas and Gregory.

SHAW - On May 28th at The Portland Hospital, to Sally (née Abraham) and Warren, a daughter, Michelle Millie. STRONG - On May 31st 1997, to Sara (born Willcox) and Tony, a son, brother for Tom and Harry.

SYMMIGTON - On May 30th, to Sally (nee Green) and Tim, a daughter, Lucy Rose, a sister for Anna and Marthew. THANT - On 2nd jume 1997, to Robecca (née Mangles) and Richard, a daughter, Matilda Amella Beatrice, a sister for Brookie.

WILLIAMS-ELLIS - On 1st June, to Serena and David, a son

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

MANG - John Haig very much regrets be is unable to write-individually to thank all those who so kindly wrote sending their love and sympathy on Rosemary's death. Their letters have given him grate confort and given him great comfort and

DEATHS

AITCHISON - On June 1st, 1997, after a short illness in her 94th year, Margaret, née Ritchie, of Lochton, Coldstream, beloved wife of Heary, loving mother of John, mother-in-law to Rosalind and granny to Ian, Graeme and June and Judy. Funeral Service in Kelso North Church on Thursday, June 5th, at 2 pm, and Mottonhall Crematorium at 4 pm Family (Govern only

ALEXANDER-BOWEN - Julia. Peacefully at St Columbas Hospics on June 2nd 1997. Cremation private at her own request.

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BAREY - Dr. Ian Severn died after a short illness in Southmead Hospital, Bristol, on May 31st 1997. He was deeply loved and will be greatly missed by his family and friends. Enquiries (0117) 9624505.

BARNES - Irene (nee Baudains) on Saturday 31st May, 1997, in Jersey, beloved wife of the late Eric, dearly loved mother of Rosemary, Eric, John and Anthony and nana of Jonathon, Jane, Sarah, Robin and Timothy. Enquirles to Pitcher and La Quesne Ltd., Funeral Directors. Tel 01534 33330.

BATHURST - Sophie-Mary Elizabeth on 2nd June 1997, pencefully after a courageous fight against cancer. Beloved mother of Charles and Jane and grandmother of Harriet, Theo, Eleanor and Ianthe. Funeral Service will take place at St. Georges Church, Beneden on Monday 9th June at 3.00 pm. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired to the Bawkhurst Cottage Hospital League of Friends, c/o R.B. Silis, Kenwood, High Street, Cranbrook, Kent, TN17 3DT.

SECHER - Maryon, widow of Tristram Eeles, wife of Michael Becher, mother of Adrian and Robert Eeles, stepmother of Caroline, Androw and Jonathan Becher, and a devoted grandmother to both families, on May 30th, in France, Funeral at Arkesdem Parish Church, near Saffron Walden, Essee, on Thursday, june 12th at 1 pm. A train from Liverpool Street Station departs 11.38, arrives Audley End 12.34. Flowers through Evergreen (Family Florist), Saffron Walden, etc 01799-522277.

BLAKER - On 30th May 1997, aged 85, Dawn Lnetitia Prudence, née Watson, of Rotherfield Grays, Henley-us-Thames. Loved widow of Guy, mother of Peter,

mother-in-law of Hillegung and grandmother of Alexandra, Dominic and

Nicholas, Funeral Service on Tuesday 10th june 1997 at 3pm at the Church of St Nicholas, Rotherfield Greys. Donations, if desired, to be shared between the Royal

Society for the Protection of Birds and Rotherfield Greys Church to Messas Tomalin & Son, 38 Beading Road,

BOLD - Dr. Leslie of Kemberton, Shropahire, died peecefully on 1st june aged 92. Much loved father of

92. Much loved father of Alan and Janet, grandfather of seven and great-grandfather of four, he was the perfect kindly gentleman to the and and will be greatly missed by his family and many friends. Funeral at Kemberton Parish Church on 11th June at 2.30pm. Donations if desired to St Andrew's Church Kemberton PCC or SERSE, 311 Gray's Jan Road, London WCIX SPT.

CADELL - On Tuesday 3rd June, 1997, peacefully after a long illness, at the Morningside Nurstay Home, Edinburgh, in her 94th year Culristina Rose (Kirstine) wife of the late Colonel H.M. Cadell of Grange - much loved mother and grandmother. Thanksgiving Service at St. Michael's Church, Linitthgow at 2.30 pm Saturday 7th June. Family flowers only.

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to mark its centenary at 12.50; will visit the Llewellyn Alms Houses, Leonard Road, Neath, West

Economics University of Keele, peacefully on May 31st aged 94. Funeral at St Mary the Virgin, Wootton, Woodstock, on Friday 6th june at 230 pm.

JEMGMS - Gwen (Gwendolen Margaret - née Morris), peacefully in her filst year. Very dear widow of Gordon, much loved mother of Charlotte and devoted grandma of Eatherine and Henry, Funeral Service at St John the Baptist Church, Windlesham on Webnesday

Windlesham on Wednesday 11th June at 2.30 pm. Family

11th June at 2.30 pm. Family flowers only. Donations, if you wish, to The Children's Ward Appeal, Frimley Park Hospital, Surrey GU16 5UJ or to Peter Wilson, Secretary, The Boyal Ballet Benevolent Fund, Royal Opera House, Covent Gerden, London WC2E 9DD.

LAMBERT - Elizabeth Christine pencefully at home on 30th May aged 91. Wildow of Jeffrey M. Lambert. Much loved mother of John and Jenny, grandmother of Eachel and Alastair and dreat-grandmother of

Racbel and Alastair and great-grandmother of william. Funezal at St Anne's Church, Kew Green, on Taesday 10th June at 1.45pm and at 2.30pm at Mortlake Crematorium. Refreshments afterwards. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, may be sent to-Volunteer Reading Help London, Ebury Bridge Contre, Satherland Street, London SWIV 4LH.

LEWIS - On June 2nd at home with his family after a short illness bravely borne, Dr. Evan Giyn Lewis M.A. D. Litt. (late Staff H.M.L. Wates) of 18 Curlew Road, Porthcawl. Beloved husbend of Valmal, and dearly loved father of Lois and the late Gareth, Nesta and Dave, and loving grandfather of Bethan and Michael, Branwan, Dwain and Hywel and Taid of jamie Gareth. Funeral service on Saturday June 7th at Trinity Church, Porthcawl at 10.15am. Followed by cremation at Margam

cremation at Margam Crematorium 11 am Family flowers only. Donations in lieu may be sent to: Marie Curie Cuncer Care, Cartrel Court, Abergavenny, Gwent.

LLOYD - On Thursday, 29th May, Winifred (Pin) Lloyd O.B.E. lately of Hampton Bishop, Hereford. The funeral service will be held at Hereford Crematorium on Saturday 7th June, at 10.30am, followed by a Service of Thanksgiving at 5t Andrew's Church, Hampton Bishop, Hereford at 12 moon to which all irlends are welcome. Family flowers only. If desired donations for The Gardeneus' Soyal Benerolant Society may be sent to Dawe Bros., 115 Westhaling Street, Bereford.

LIIKER - Jean in Bristol on June 2nd aged 79 years. Dearly loved by her daughters, family and friends. Cremation at Cantord Cremation at Cantord Crematorium, Bristol, on Monday June 9th at 2,30 pm. No flowers but donations if desired for Imperial Cancer Bessauch Fund clo R. Davies & Son, 331 Gionesster Ruad, Horfield, Bristol, BS7 81N, tel: (0117) 9424039.

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ORR EWING - Marion Hester (née Cameron) aged 82, on 31st May 1997 peacafully at home. Adored wife of Bonnid, much loved mother of Archie, Janet, Flona and Jamie, and beloved grandmother. Funeral Service at 2 pm on Thursday, 5th June at 5t Mary's Caurch, Aberfoyle. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund.

RUDDOCK - On May 31st 1997 at St Helier Hospital, Carshalton, Margaret May (Peggy) aged 78 years, widow of Richard and

THE - John Samuel on 31st May, Much loved partner of Turi and father of Matthew, Frances, Millie and David-funeral at 11 am Monday 9th June at Golders Green Crematorium, 62 Hoop Lane, NW11. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to Cançer Research, 10 Campridge Terrace, London.

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FURMER - Roy on June 1st suddenly in Poole Hospital aged 69 years. Dearly loved husband of the late Kitty and father of Paul and Nigel. Puneral Service to be held at Poole Crematorium on Monday June 9th at 12.30pm. No flowers. Donations for the Stroke Association or the British Diabetic Association may be sent to Tayner Europe.

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EDDIE THOMAS

Eddie Thomas, MBE. former boxer, trainer and manager, died on June 2 aged 71. He was born in Merthyr Tydfil on July 27. 1925

lthough Cddie Thomas held British. European and Commonwealth titles at weherweight between 1949 and 1951, it is for his handling of other fighters that he has his permanent niche in the history of boxing. In the late 1960s and early 1970s he guided to world titles two of the best British boxers to have graced the ring since the war: Howard Winstone, like himself, a Merthyr man, and the Scot Ken Ruchanan.

Under his tutelage Winstone held the world leatherweight crown in 1968 though, had it not been for the presence on the world stage of the exceptional Mexican Vicente Saldivar, it would undoubtedly have been longeri. Ken Buchanan reigned as world lightweight champion from 1970 to 1972.

Thomas also trained the talented and brave Gorseinon welterweight Colin Jones, who won British, European and Commonwealth titles and came close to winning the world crown on two occasions against Milton McCrory in 1983, boxing a draw in the first of these two contests, after a fight in which he had done all the attacking.

As a trainer, Thomas was a rraditionalist, believing that the jab was the foundation of all ring strategy. But it was as a corner and cuts man that he was best known in the trade. Henry Cooper, always a man prone to bleed profusely if his face was subjected to stern fistic attack, insisted on having Thomas in his corner after his own cuts man, Danny Holland, left him in 1970.

Thomas had a knack of finding simple solutions for awkward situations during a fight. In the first bout between Buchanan and Ismael Laguna for the world lightweight title in San Juan. Puerto Rico, in 1970, realising that the sun would be in Buchanan's eyes during the intervals in the razor blade and drained out



fight. Thomas quickly persuaded a woman speciator in ringside to part with her parasol for the sum of \$10.

In the second meeting with Laguna, in Madison Square Garden in 1971, Thomas earned the admiration of American cornermen when they saw how he dealt with a huge swelling that was affecting Buchanan's vision. Instead of relying on ice, Thomas, with surgical precision, nicked the skin with a

the blood, thereby allowing Buchanan to box brilliantly and retain the title.

As a boxer himself, though he held British, Empire and European titles he never fought for the world crown. He was about to meet Sugar Ray Robinson in 1951, but then the champion decided to move up to middleweight. Thomas's best result was a win over Billy Graham, who the experts believed should have been given the verdict over Kid Gavilan of Cuba in their first

meeting in New York in 1951. Since Gavilan went on to become world champion, Thomas's victory over Graham said a good deal about his potential.

Like his father, Thomas was a coalminer. He went down the pits at the age of 14 but was also boxing at an early age. After winning the ABA lightweight title in 1946, he turned professionial. Three years later, he took the British title from Henry Hall on points at Harringay Arena and by 1951

he had three rides under his

He won the Empire crown in January 1951 by stopping Put Patrick of South Africa in 13 rounds in Johannesburg and then in June lifted the European championship by outpointing Michele Palermo. Italy, at Carmarthen, though the latter gave the much younger, stronger Thomas a good deal more trouble than might have been expected. As a bover, Thomas often seemed to laze through some of the rounds, only exploding into activity after the remonstrations of his exasperated seconds.

He lost all three titles before the year was out. Wally Thorn from Liverpool took his British and Empire titles from him in London after a strange contest. Thomas was at his most enigmatic that night, manitestly failing to capitalise on his superior ringeraft and more comprehensive arsenal of punches. By the time he floored his man briefly in the 13th, the contest had all but slid away from him and he did nothing in the final two rounds to exert the pressure on a young and rugged opponent of which he was clearly capable,

The loss of his European crown on points at Portheawl on June 13, 1951, was a very different matter. Charles Humez of France was far too strong for Thomas who that night took a beating unexamoled in his career.

Thomas always struggled to make the welterweight limit and had there been a light middleweight division at the time, he could have moved up and might well have prospered. As it was weight problems, his defeats and his damaged hands forced him into retirement in 1952, to the great benefit of training.

He bought an open cast mine outside Merthyr Tydfil with his ring earnings and combined the careers of mining and ring training for more than thirty years. In 1990 he became an independent councillor in a Labour-dominated Merthyr council and four years later became Mayor. He was appointed MBE for his services to British sport in 1984; his name was posted longside those of sportsmen in the Welsh Hall of Fame in 1991. Merthyr Tydfil made him a Freeman in

Thomas was always known as a generous man, and perhaps training and looking after his fighters was more his forte than management and the calculation of percentages. But it was his warmth of personality and his involvement in pugilism, the pits and local politics that made him one of the enduringly memorable personalities of Merthyr and the South Wales valleys. Eddie Thomas is survived by his wife Kay, two sons and two daughters.

DOC CHEATHAM

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Adolphus ("Doc") Cheatham, jazz trampeter, died in Washington on June 2 aged 91. He was born in Nashville, Tennessee, on June 13, 1905.

A SUAVE and sophisticated musician. Doe Cheatham was among the best-loved figures in jazz. Though his career began in the 1920s, he achieved his biggest following late in life. Towards the end he became something of a New York institution, thanks to his Sunday afternoon appearances at Sweet Basil, the Greenwich Village jazz venue.

He remained active to the last: on the Saturday before his death he played to an appreciative audience at the Blues Alley club in Washington. One of his partners on the bandstand was the young trumpeter Nicholas Payton some seventy years his junior with whom he had recorded an album of relaxed duets released earlier this year.

Cheatham's career spanned almost the entire history of recorded jazz. One of his most orized possessions was a wellpolished brass mute that had been given to him more than half a century earlier by the pioneering cornetist Joe "King" Oliver, mentor to the young Louis Armstrong. Adolphus Cheatham was

given his nickname by medical students with whom he played in a band in his native Nashville. His first experience of playing music came in a boys' club, called the Bright Future Stars. He soon began playing cornet and saxophone in a vaudeville theatre.

Among the players he worked with was the planist Mary Lou Williams. She and her husband offered Cheatham a job in a touring company. Despite his parents' wish to enrol him in medical school, Cheatham accepted and set off on the arduous round of segregated theatres known as the Toba circuit -"Tough On Black Asses".

Settling in Chicago, he concentrated on trumpet and followed his contemporaries in absorbing the innovations made by of Louis Armstrong. In 1928, after playing with Wilbur de Paris, he set off for Europe as lead trumper with the popular band led by the

use a portable organ to study Returning to America in 1930, Cheatham played lead with McKinney's Cotton Pickers before finding a lucrative niche with the Cab Calloway Orchestra until 1939, taking part in many performances at the legendary Cotton Club. Later his health broke down, and he travelled to Europe to

planist Sam Wooding, and

went on to spend around three

years on the Continent, based

in Berlin. In later years he would recall how, while his

colleagues were out carousing

during the off-duty hours, he

would stay in his room and

convalesce. Cheatham dropped from view when he was drafted for military service. Because of his age he was given the option of performing in a military band in the Pacific or working in the postal service. He chose the latter, and did not play professionally for some two years. Since the advent of bebop held little interest for him, he considered retiring altogether until he received an offer of work with Dixieland groups.

The following years brought steady but unspectacular music-making. For several years Cheatham played with Latin hands such as Machito's Orchestra. He was also reunited with Calloway and Wilbur de Paris, and in 1967 played with the Benny Good-

man Sextet. It was not until well past retirement age that his solo career began to blossom. With so many jazz legends either dead or inactive, audiences began to appreciate Cheatham's importance as a link with the music's vintage period. And, whereas most trum-

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one in tankers and the other in

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er fleet runs 43 tankers and is

peters find their powers waning in old age. Cheatham's playing seemed to

grow in stature. He found himself especially in demand at smaller, more intimate venues, where he was able to strike up an immediate rapport with his listeners. In 1980 he began his celebrated Sunday "brunch" sessions at Sweet Basil, where, usually accompanied by a trio, he re-galed audiences with wry anecdotes and superb solos which roamed confidently through the upper register. His posture was distinctive: head tilted back, trumpet held almost vertical to allow the clearest possible passage of

In later years, encouraged by the earlier examples of Armstrong and Henry "Red" Allen. Cheatham brought singing into his routine, partly as a means of resting his embouchure. His early vocal efforts were not always appreciated by his fellow musicians. but he persevered and eventually memorised scores of Tin Pan Alley songs. Daintily picking his way through the lyrics, he made even the oldest material sound fresh.

He continued to make regular visits to Europe. In London his stints at the Pizza Express cellar in Dean Street were invariably first-rate. In 1990 he celebrated ten years of performing at Sweet Basil That same year he marked his 85th birthday with another sterling performance at the venue, greeted with a wellearned standing ovation and a champagne toast. In 1992, Columbia Records

honoured him by recording his group for its "Legendary Pioneers of Jazz" series, yielding a fine album. The Éighry Seven Years of Doc Cheatham. In 1996 he published his autobiography. I Guess I'll Get the Papers and Go Home, named after one of his favourite songs. He is survived by his wife

Nellie and their son and daughter.

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(ii) (As Resolution 2) I. A. Spens;

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GEORGE P. LIVANOS

George P. Livanos, Greek shipping magnate, died in Athens on June 1 aged 70. He was born on August 8, 1926.

GEORGE P. LIVANOS, who at his death operated the largest single merchant fleet of any Greek shipowner, was often confused with the George S. Livanos one of whose sisters was the first wife of Aristotle Onassis. Although both men maintained fairly low profiles throughout their careers — perhaps in reaction to Onassis's brightness in the firmament — George P. Livanos did as much as any of his colleagues to build postwar Greece into a formidable merchant shipping power.

His shipping company. Ceres, operates the familiar yellow Russian-built hydrofoils, known as Flying Dolphios, that in the past two decades have knit the Greek



islands and the remoter Peloponnesian communities together for the benefit of tourist

Born in New Orleans, he combined with his Greek

and commuter alike.

George P. Livanos was an early product of the American business school system, which

leading member Intertanko (the Association of Independent Tanker Operators) which runs about 70 per cent of the world's independently-owned tanker fleet. Realising the ambiguous image that tankers have, in these years of oil spills and ecological disasters, Livanos was the first Greek tycoon to

work towards protecting the marine environment. In the early 1980s he set up the Hellenic Marine Environment Protection Association -better known by its acronym of Helmepa — and was its chairman for years until his final illness. A further innovation was

his setting up a representative office in Moscow before the fall of communism. An influential member of the Greek lobby in Washington, Livanos gave his support to the Democrat Michael Dukakis's bid for the American presidency in Last year Livanos's 95

vessels accounted for well over two million gross registered tonnes, the largest single part of the Greek-flag fleet of some 28 million tonnes. He shunned flags of convenience: every Livanos ship flew the Greek flag, a principle which, at his funeral, was acknowledged when Greece's merchant marine minister. Stavros Sumakis, allowed a Greek flag to be draped over his coffin.

George Livanos was mar-ried to Fotini Carras of the Carras shipping family. She and his son Peter and daughter Maria survive him. During his father's illness, Peter had taken control of the Livanos shipping empire.

MARSHAL TITO'S TRIUMPH

GREAT WELCOME IN MOSCOW From Our Special Correspondent

MOSCOW, June 3 Marshal Tito, who yesterday received a hero's welcome to Moscow, will pay separate calls to morrow on Mr. Bulganin, the Russian Prime Minister, and Mr. Krushchev, the Communist Party First Secretary. Marshal Tito, his wife, and members of the Yugoslav delegation spent to-day visiting the agri-cultural exhibition in Moscow, the industrial exhibition, and the botanical gardens.

Greeting the Yugoslav party on their arrival on Saturday by rail. President Voroshilov expressed the conviction that Marshal Tito's visit would result in the expansion of political, economic, and cultural ties, and in "still more active Soviet-Yugoslav co-operation for the solution of topical international problems.

In his response, read in heavily accented Russian, Marshal Tito referred to the break between the two nations as "unprecedented and tragic, for which neither the peoples of Yugoslavia nor the peoples of the Soviet Union were to blame." By the choice of those words at the outset of his visit. Marshal Tito

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Stalin broke with Tito in 1948, and did all he could, by fair means or foul, to bring down the Yugoslav leader; but Tito was determined to maintain his country's independence. He had the last word, and was given a hero's welcome when he visited Russia in 1956.

seemed clearly to place the blame for the disaffection in 1948 on Stalin.

Referring to the period of Yugoslav expulsion from the Cominform, Marshal Tiro said: It was hard for us, but we believed that the time would come when everything that disunited us would be overcome, and our friendship would receive a new, strong basis. This time came, thanks to the Leninist policy of the Government and central committee of the Communist Party of the Sovjet Union. All

that is now behind us." He said that the visit to Belgrade last year of Mr. Krushchev, Mr. Bulganin, Mr. Mikoyan. and others, the joint declaration signed at the end of their visit, and the far-sighted foreign policy being followed by collective leadership of the Soviet Union, served as a guarantee that the disagreeable events of the past would not be repeated.

Marshal Tito must have experienced considerable personal satisfaction at his reception yesterday in Moscow, which had an element of triumph in it. After incurring for five years consistent invective from the Russians, he was cheered by thousands of Muscovites lining the broad avenues in warm sunlight. The Marshal, who was wearing a bluish-grey uniform adorned with gold and red, waved from the buck from an open car which was escorted by motor cycle outriders.

Moscow took on a holiday for the occasion. Loudspeakers broadcast Macedonian and Serbian songs. Usually these loudspeakers are used only on national holidays, such as May Day and the anniversary of the revolution. Red banners flew from the lamp posts. The Moscow television service began transmission two hours earlier than usual to cover the proceedings at the station.

With the other Russian leaders at the station was Mr. Molotov, whose resignation as Foreign Minister was announced on Friday night.

Why Channel 5 is failing to get a following

Lesson one: do not forget to tune the telly

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MADDOX

t the finale of the Hay Literary the press of a button has been a cheery "You can do it yourself". Many people cannot. Keith Waterhouse, the doyen of newspaper columnists, who has written Streets Ahead, a book about Fleet Street in the hilarious hot-metal days.

The pleasure was mixed with wariness, however, because I live in constant fear of breaking the commandments for columnists that he once laid down in the British Journalism Review. Chief among these was, in effect, "Thou shall not quote". Columnists are supposed to give their own opinions, not somebody else's.

There: I've broken it already, so I shall proceed to break it again. If I declared: Nobody anticipated Channel 5's signal would be so weak. The frequency they operate on is outside the range of most

people's aerials. There is nothing they can do to improve reception,"
you wouldn't believe me, because I'm not a technical writer. So thanks to Barry Fox, who writes for technical publications, including New Scientist, even if he brings gloomy news.

In my own voice I can say that Channel 5's efforts in educating the public about its reception have been a public relations disaster. Imagine starting a flashy new restaurant, taking big advertisements to proclaim the skills of the chef and then neglecting to tell people how to

The PR trouble can be summarised in the difference between "tune" and "retune". Channel 5 spent so much effort in publicising the way it was retuning video recorders (to avoid the new channel interfering with video, cable or satellite pictures) that it forgot to tell people that they needed to tune their television set to get the channel at all. Of the two operations, tuning was by far the more important the essential to building an audience. Many British homes are in areas where videos did not require returning. Because of all the hoo-ha about retuning, some viewers, not having had a call from the retuner, did not even try to find 5 for themselves. Many have yet to watch even

one programme on it. How could Channel 5 have missed this obvious first step in public education? Its primary-colour posters and on-screen logo are brilliant: the retuning of millions of homes was carried out with impressive smoothness. The reason is, I suspect, that the uncertainities about the eventual picture quality of the channel loomed so large and dark that in the rush to get 5 on the air by Easter, the best tactic seemed "less said, the better". Also, Channel 5 can do little to help with the tuning operation itself. Its main advice to those who wanted to bring up 5 at

The first step in tuning your set for Channel 5, "Consult your TV manual". should actually be the second. The first instruction should be on how to find where you put this document. There are undoubtedly households that cherish the book of words that came with the television set and keep it, covered in plastic, chained to the box. Ours, alas, has been long lost, along with the instructions in Portuguese and Finnish on how to unclog the waste disposal.

Luckily, my son was in temporary residence in London last week. Being both something of a techie and a football fan, he managed to get the set tuned in time for Saturday's Poland-England match. Yet even

he did not find it a simple matter, and the satellite option was no help. Merely to find out where the fault lies for your home's poor reception of Channel 5 can cost money. The charge for a house call from my local aerial installers is £35 plus VAT. For that, a friendly expert will tell you whether you need to buy a new aerial (upwards of £90), get some add-ons for the satellite receiver (at somewhat less if he can be sure what you need) or just tune the set for you. All that presumes that you want to watch the pro-

grammes. The quality of these, even of the football commentary, hardly matters. Programmes, performances and the choice of movies can be improved over time. Inadequate reception cannot - at least, not without the kind of investment that makes Channel 5 something other than what it purports to be: the last of the free terrestrial

The higher reaches of techno-fear go far beyond an inability to tune Channel 5 or set the video recorder. A few months ago I made an earnest attempt to install new software to make my personal computer Internet-worthy. Not only did I fail, but somehow the struggle made it impossible for me any longer to enter the magic doorway called Windows. I phoned my suppliers' helpline, where one of those unnaturally patient, doctor-like voices, trained to accept that mortal stupidity knows no limits, asked me what my screen was showing instead. I described the Windows logo that glowed faintly at me, refusing to budge.

"What you have." diagnosed the man of science, "is what we call the Blue Screen of Death'." Windows, it seems, having taken umbrage at the attempted intrusion, has departed my computer, leaving just a grinning ghost of itself in its place. No letters, please. Britain's TV buyers are in LA looking for the next hit series, says Giles Whittell

t was probably only a matter of time before a studio in search of a television hit came up with the idea of a series on the life and longings of a lingerie tycoon. Fleshed out, as it were, that idea now has a title Veronica's Closet — and a wellknown star, Kirstie Alley. Second only to Steven Spielberg's sequel to Jurassic Park, it is suddenly the talk of Hollywood.

So far, the pilot episode of this Baywatch-meets-Dynasty concoction has been shown only to jet-lagged executives in a plush private cinema on the Warner Brothers back lot. But as surely as prime time follows the early evening news, it will be coming soon to a sitting room near you.

This is the season of the LA Screenings. For the past two weeks teams of programme-buyers, including several from Britain, have been descending on Los Angeles to install themselves in expensive hotel suites and view the American television industry's latest offerings. Spearheaded by Veronica's Closet, many will end up competing for your leisure hours as ER and Seinfeld do already.

There are no fewer than 140 new dramas and sitcoms to choose from this year. Dozens seem aimed rather desperately at the inner teenager in us all. Take Roar, for instance, a "medi-eval action drama" from Universal Television set in AD 450 when "Attila the Hun is on the move and Vandals are sacking Rome".

Or Meego, in which Bronson Pinchot, who was a gay art gallery assistant in Beverly Hills Cop, plays a nanny from outer space.

The subject matter can seem fatuous but the stakes are high. For the big studios, the LA Screenings are when much of the heavy sales work behind America's huge cultural export drive is done. Scattered across town in hotels and private screening rooms, they lack the coherence and glamour of a film festival such as Cannes, but pull in big

According to Variety, American com-panies earned \$2.5 billion last year selling dramas and sitcoms to traditional networks overseas, and \$1 billion more from sales to foreign cable and satellite broadcasters. The going rate for combined foreign sales of a topnotch, hour-long drama such as ER is \$750,000 an episode, and rising.

British buyers grumble about the inflation, but they keep coming. The BBC sent a team of five (to the \$300-anight Bel-Air Hotel). ITV and Channel 4 sent seven each to the marginally less opulent Four Seasons and Peninsula hotels. BSkyB sent five.

All are prospecting for the odd gem that recent experience tells them should be hidden in a glossy but otherwise indifferent field — "a Millennium or a Murder One", as Jeffrey Ford of ITV

If they've found what they are

In search of a blockbuster



Top bods: Donna D'Errica and Traci Bingham launch the new Baywatch

looking for, they aren't saying. The buzz surrounding Veronica's Closet has been caused by American advertisers labelling it a surefire success and by a record-breaking bid from WIC Television, a Canadian broadcaster.

The Brits admit privately that one of them will end up buying the new underwear drama, but they are famously cagey at the Screenings. "There's no hot ticket like last year,"

says Ford. "There are lots of good

BUZZ FACTOR — TOP NEW SHOWS

I. VERONICA'S CLOSET: drama about lingerie tycoon: Warner Bros TV 2. BROOKLYN SOUTH: drama about two street cops; Steven Bochco 3. ALLY McBEAL: legal drama

with female lead; Fox TV

4. MICHAEL HAYES: legal

drama, David Caruso: NBC

5. DELLAVENTURA: Danny Aiello as private eye; CBS 6. TIMECOP: based on the futuristic film: Universal TV 7. DHARMA AND GREG: sitcom about hippy woman and square lawyer, Fox TV 8. NOTHING SACRED: drama about troubled young priest: Fox TV

shows but not one that knocks your socks off and says, This is a show you have to have." Colin Leventhal of Channel 4, which has vowed to cut the amount of programming it buys from abroad, echoes him: "It is not a vintage

year."
Still, no one is likely to go home empty-handed. Having learnt from experience that American comedies seldom travel well (Seinfeld and Friends excepted), the studios have laid on a smorgasbord of the one-hour drama series that sell best abroad. They come in three categories: law and order, futuristic fantasy and mild

In a week when America's violentcrime rate plunged by II per cent. fictionalised crime remains a growth industry. Brooklyn South is the closest thing to "hot". Asked about viewers' response to it at screenings, a promoter said: "The understatement would be 'through the roof'." Ford agrees that it will probably grace British screens within the next two years.

niversal's Timecop straddles the law-and-order and science-fiction categories as neatly as its name suggests. Whether British audiences will find time for a series based on a failed film starring Jean-Claude Van Damme is

If not, comparable fare includes The Visitor (from the director of Independence Day). Sleepwalkers (about doctors entering patients' dreams) and Hungry for Survival (What if a human sub-species evolved with a different strand of DNA that made it sociopathic?"). Oh, and Meego.

As for titiliation, look no further than the company that handles international sales of Baywatch. The Fremantle Corporation, headed by Paul Talbot, is now also pushing a peculiar hybrid series, *Bondi*, named after the Sydney beach. Its cast play athletes from the Atlanta Olympics recruited for such skills as pole vaulting and javelin throwing to form an anti-terrorist squad for Sydney's 2000 Games.
"There will be beach scenes and beautiful bodies, male and female," Talbot says with barely a hint of self-mockery. "The bodies will not be exploited for the camera, because the characters portrayed are athletes."

Which channel gets which series at what price is determined by secret and sometimes tense negotiations, now in progress, that Talbot describes as "a marvellous mating dance developed over the years in order for the species to survive"

One thing is certain. Baywatch itself is far from dead. Now launching its eighth season, this festival of tans and Lycra remains the most-watched programme on the planet. In Britain it will stay on ITV, early on Saturday evenings. In Bosnia and Rwanda you might need a satellite dish.

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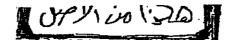
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Unhappy inside Camelot

THE HEADLINES

FRAYED tempers in the Cam-Delot press office, where staff have been flat out defending their directors' astronomical pay rises. When news of the scandal broke last week. workers were brought to exhaustion as phones went into overdrive and they had to field hundreds of questions from grumpy journalists.

The task was not made any easier by the fact that while the menials (average salary, (18,000) slaved away, some of the directors were enjoying foreign climes. David Rigg. recipient of a 90 per cent rise. spent the week in France with his wife and children while Sir George Russell was on non-Camelot business in America. One executive, told by a workabout the mounting pressure, replied: "What on earth do you think you're paid for?"

Lottery loser

DESPITE misgivings about Camelot, Chris Smith still likes a flutter every Saturday. Mr Smith has chosen his numbers based on simple things like his age and his dog's birthday. But Lady Luck has failed to smile on the Heritage Secretary; he is yet to win a bean. "I play every week



Smith: Camelot flutter

but I have never won even £10," he says, cheerfully. His unlucky numbers are 7, 12, 24,

■ EVIDENCE comes⁻⁻ that some of the more excitable members of Labour's Millbank Tendency have not heeded warnings against triumphalism: After the release last week of a BBC video. Election '97. a new party game is being played by young appar-atchiks. They watch the highlights of the election night coverage, taking a swig from their glasses every time an-other Tory seat falls and a double glug for each former Cabinet minister. The last one left standing is Prime Minister" for the evening.

Farewell Max

MARK HONIGSBAUM. a top feature writer on the Evening Standard, is leaving to join the Independent on Sunday. After he wrote of the criminal histories of five IRA prisoners alleged to have broken out of Whitemoor prison, their trial was abandoned, and his Editor, Max Hastings, apologised in court.



Honigsbaum: new job

Last month it was announced that contempt proceedings were being brought against Hastings.

Frontline Sadler

NEVER one for the quiet life. the ex-ITN reporter Brent Sadler has accepted the job of reopening CNN's bureau in Beirut. Sadler has been picked partly for his journalistic skills and partly because he isn't American. The US Government bans all its citizens, including journalists, from travelling to Lebanon because it is considered too dangerous. CNN closed its Beirut bureau in 1985 after its correspondent Jerry Levin was kidnapped, escaping after 100 days. "Lebanon remains a melting pot of conflicting interests," says British-born Sadler. "The southern tip of the country is

still a war zone." Irs not as though Sadier doesn't have enough excitement in his life. He is married to Tess Stimson, bestselling author of steamy novels, who is expecting their second child

Fact, fiction and the F-factor

Lis Howell may have been sacked by GMTV but she has used the experience as a rich source of material for her autobiographical novels. Jason Cowley reports

is Howell spends her days working in what she calls the "cut-throat, ego-driven, largely male" world of television. She spends the evenings turning her experiences into fiction. As the former GMTV executive humiliatingly sacked before the station was six weeks old, she is not short of material. Her last days at GMTV were marked with discord over collapsing ratings and the loss of two million viewers, panie provoked by the vibrancy of The Big Breakfast, and much bluster over the "F-factor", of having funciable presenters.

Despite being happily installed for the past three years as head of UK Living, the satellite channel that broadcasts 18 hours a day of light entertainment and discussion for women. Howell remains bitter about what is perceived as her failure at GMTV. She insists, too, that there was nothing wrong with the concept of the F-factor; that she was correct to urge Fiona Armstrong and other senior broadcasters to wear shorter skirts, "I want viewers to fancy the presenters," she famously said, before telling Armstrong to chew on a coat-hanger to bring out her smile.

Armstrong later accused Howell of "delivering her on a plate" to spiteful columnists, and complained that "the shape of my calves, colour of my hair and the frequency of my smile" dominated the opening weeks of the launch of GMTV.

The whole F-factor thing got so out of hand," Howell says, sitting in her cramped, untidy Soho office. She has a light, giggly voice that betrays traces of her early years in Liverpool and Manchester. Fiona must have been humiliated by all the fuss, but I don't regret what I said to her because that was my job. I know when Fiona subsequently lost her job and her agent was looking for someone to blame, I took more flak. But the F-factor concept isn't wrong. Fiona Phillips, Anthea Turner, Gaby Roslin: they all have it. Looking attractive on television is a big part of the job . . .

Her voice trails away and her eyes glaze over. Something has caught her attention on the television in a corner of her office which she monitors diligently throughout the interview. She does not wish to miss a moment of UK Living.

Under the terms of her severance dismissal, although much of her unspoken frustration is in the

novels. At times, her books read as little more than veiled autobiography. Her male characters are espe-cially netarious, ruthlessly dismissive of the aspirations of women.

Reading these novels you wonder: a) what really happened to Howell that she should have such a disturbed and vengeful imagination: and b) why, if she feels like this about television, has she not turned her back on the whole thing and opted for a quiet life?

Howell, 46, joined the launch team of GMTV in autumn 1991 from Sky News, where as managing editor she had streamlined the news desk with ruthless efficiency. There were many redundancies "Although these were unfortunate they had to be made. The business had to succeed; someone had to make money. The payoffs at 5ky weren't

> 'I suffered a long drawn out death by a thousand pricks — in every sense'

dreadful and many of those made redundant, because of their experience at Sky, were more marketable than before. In the end, I got the rotas working."

At Sky, and before that as head of news at Border Television, she was used to the uncertainty and labyrinthine politics of office life. Nothing could prepare her, however, for what she encountered at GMTV, where she says she suffered "a long drawn-out death by a thousand pricks - and in every sense". "I agreed to join because, at the

time, I believed in the executive management team] Greg Dyke, Christopher Bland and Hugh Pile. I know now that you can be too easily led by reputation. I think many of the people involved in those franchise applications in 1991 were overly triumphalist. They assumed that they were going to be successful."

During her last days at GMTV Howell felt helpless and abandoned. talk about the background to her had clearly lost interest in her," says a friend. "She even had to book appointments to see him.

Howell remembers encountering Dyke in the corridor shortly before she was dismissed. As they passed, Dyke reached out to ruffle her hair. It was gross. You know, I can still feel those awful fingertips. I saw him the other day. He said to my hoss: 'Does she still hate me?' I said: 'Read the books'."

When the end finally came it was

bruial. "They took the car, the mobile phone, the keys — every-thing. The day before I was sacked I was driving to see my parents. Alex ther teenage daughter) was in the back. The phone rang: it was ther boss Chris Stoddart. He said: Tve got to see you tomorrow. I'm afraid it's the worst.' At that moment, Alex was sick. I remember saying to myself, I'm not going to clean this car before returning it."

Despite once having turned down a job on the women's pages of a regional paper, for fear of being marginalised, Howell feels fulfilled at UK Living. Her only regret is that she only spends weekends with her partner, Ian Promewicz, who does her old job as head of news at Border, "The arrangement seems to work. Having separate territories might actually be good for you as you get older, although I guess it could eventually lead to strain." UK Living has a plodding predict-

ability - "light and fluffy" is how Howell describes its programmes about fashion, families, relationships and health. One wonders if such material underestimates the intelligence of many women?

"I accept there's a lot of fluffy stuff," she says peaceably enough. But some of our shows are incredibly hard, exploring tough, complex issues. The station addresses 52 per cent of the population; our audience is about five or six million per week far better figures than most women's magazines."

You suspect, though, that more than anything else she relishes the fact that she is still around. "I was psychologically killed off at GMTV," she says. "In a competitive business like television, where there are big egos and money, people will always look to exploit other people's flaws. There is a feeling that women are more vulnerable — that their mistakes are due to the fact that they are neurotic or menopausal.

"I know that if I'd gone away or had a nervous breakdown there were people who would have been life and found another job."

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Private affairs and public warfare

of The Guardian, has fluttered editorial dovecotes by uttering the unutterable and suggesting a deal with politicians and the courts over a new law of privacy. Among journalists, the suggestion amounts to heresy, and Rusbridger is only the second editor - after Andrew Marr of The Independent — who has broken from the united ranks of Fleet Street, where editors have been fighting shoulder to shoulder for a decade against attempts to introduce new

laws on press conduct.
Yet that generation of editors had stood together. Rusbridger argued in his recent James Cameron Memorial Lecture, because it would have been fatal to concede a privacy law without a compensating bias towards easier libel laws or freedom of information.

The result is that we have, effectively, been driven to defend the indefensible. We have stood by and watched a decade of intrusive stories published and meekly held our silence ... in the name of precisely what public good?." At The Mirror, the Editor

Piers Morgan, who once edited the News of the World, describes himself as "incandescent" about Rusbridger's idea. He says it would destroy the mass-market tabloids and the stories their readers want: "I will not be lectured on a privacy law by a former Guardian gossip columnist who daily invaded privacy."

Phil Hall, the Editor of the News of the World, agrees, a privacy law would protect the Establishment and mean more corruption, fraud and misbehaviour in high places. Would The Guardian, he asks, have been able to expose Neil Hamilton, the former Tatton MP whom Rusbridger named as "a liar and a cheat".

if there were a privacy law? Rusbridger is unrepentant. Since it looks as if there is going to be a privacy law from the new Government, surely, he argues, it is better to negotiate on the basis of a quid pro quo - the courts giving a little on freedom of only a handful are upheld.



information, the Government on freedom of information. and the media on intrusive journalism. The result could be a new right of privacy, a new right to free expression. and a new right to know.

"I would happily sacrifice the freedom to expose the love-life of a BBC weather forecaster to 11 million prurient eyes if it meant that the courts would give greater protection to papers or broadcasters reporting corruption or dishonesty in public life." Hall and Morgan resent Rusbridger's comments and accuse him of hypocrisy. "The Guardian specialises in dis-

> For ten years, editors have fought new laws'

secting tabloid scandals," says Morgan. "When Bob Geldof and Paula Yates split up I had a Guardian journalist on the phone asking for a full brief-

ing on their marriage." It was the News of the World that exposed the BBC weather forecaster cited by Rusbridger. Hall has no regrets: "He had been marketing himself as a family man when his behaviour was total-

ly different." Both also argue that the cabloids' behaviour has improved hugely since the establishment of the Press Complaints Commission. The PCC confirms this, saying only one in eight complaints is about invasion of privacy, and

Among Rusbridger's fellow broadsheet editors, only Peter Stothard at The Times is resolutely opposed to a privacy law, which he describes as a "foot's bargain". Any Bill would be like a Christmas tree, hung with a few presents that editors and ministers genuinely sought to exchange, and a mass of unexpected and unwanted offerings from hostile MPs.

At The Daily Telegraph, Charles Moore believes there is a good case for a tort of privacy on the same lines as the tort of libel, but not for a criminal law. If self-regulation demonstrably fails, Marr sees a prima facie case for a privacy law that allows investigation of financial misconduct but bars intrusive reporting of private lives.

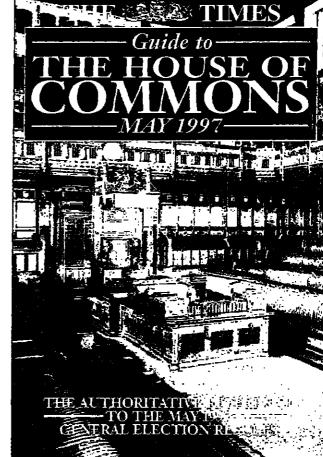
et Lord Wakeham, chairman of the PCC and once chairman of a Thatcher Cabinet inquiry into a tort of privacy, shares Stothard's reservations. Privacy laws, he believes, would never be used by those who found themselves at the receiving end of intrusive media attention - but by those who wanted to stop any publication investigating and, with merit, exposing them.

Until recently Paul John-son, star columnist of the Daily Mail and The Spectator and a harsh critic of Rusbridger's Guardian, has been a lone voice arguing for a privacy law.

What matters is that it should be a good, simple Bill making invasion of privacy a civil tort, but decided by a jury, with a well-phrased defence of public interest, says Johnson. He welcomes a convert to the cause but wonders if Rusbridger realises the effect a privacy law would have on some of The Guardian's own journalism.

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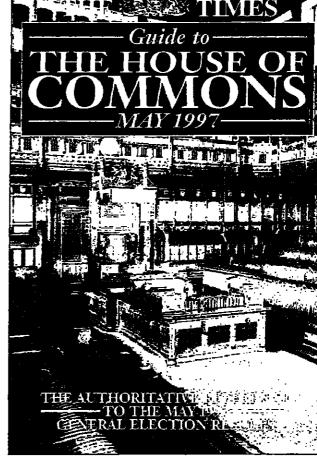
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Labour gives women new voice

■ Harriet Harman set out her plans to give women a more powerful voice in the corridors of power yesterday.

She is to establish Cabinet and Civil Service organisations to concentrate on women's issues, and aims to promote policies that will help women not only to get jobs but also to reach the top. Her objective was to "create a bond of trust between women and government and to ensure that the Government delivers its promises," she said ...

Speeding curbs aim to cut road deaths

A clampdown on speeding is being planned to curb the death toll caused by motorists driving too fast. Heavier fines, stricter enforcement of speed limits and better use of cameras are among moves being examined. Existing speed limits will also be reviewed.

Building strike threat

Building union leaders are threatening the first national stoppage for 25 years in a dispute over pay.... Page 1

Terrorists banned

Two breakaway terrorist groups that have launched sectarian attacks in Northern Ireland were outlawed as the Government stepped up its response to the upsurge in violence..........Page 2

Ashmolean snubbed

A leading American curator has snubbed the British art world by turning down the directorship of the Ashmolean Museum in Oxford five months after formally accepting the postPage 3

Signs of the times

Lionel Wolfe spent more than 60 years hanging around stage doors in wait for the celebrities of the day. The results of his obsession — autograph books bearing 20,000 signatures - are to be auctioned

Summer school

Almost 900 children who leave primary school without reaching expected standards in reading will be invited to lessons over the summer holiday...

Surging ahead

Thrust SSC, Britain's land speed record car, edged closer to its target of breaking the sound barrier in the Al Jafr desert in .Page 8

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The founder of the Dateline dating agency, who built a multimillion pound empire by bringing lonely people together, died a recluse, broken by alcohol, an inguest was told.. Page 12

Majority ruling

Britain agreed with its European partners on the outline of a deal which would let the European Union run its foreign policy partly through majority decision-.. Page 14

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making their way to Guinea

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Tiananmen vigil Tens of thousands are expected to take part tonight in what may be the last demonstration in Hong Kong to mark the Tiananmen

Square killings of 1989 ... Page 16 McVeigh may die

The jurors who convicted Timothy McVeigh of the Oklahoma bombing will decide today whether he should die Page 17

A cask of whisky travels from the Talisker distillery on Skye to the Island of Eigg yesterday. The special malt is a gift from United Distillers to mark the purchase of Eigg by residents from its German owner for £1.5 million. The whisky will be ready to celebrate the new millennium

BUSINESS

Amstrad: Alan Sugar is to take £68 million of cash out of Amstrad, the company he created, as part of its restructuring ...

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Oasis: The high street fashion retailer issued a profit warning yesterday, just weeks after directors and members of the family who control the company sold more than £5.5 million worth of ..Page *2*7

Markets: The FT-SE 100 fell 5.0 points to close at 4557.8. Sterling's trade-weighted index rose from 99.8 to 100.0 after a rise from \$1.6327 to \$1.6362 and from DM2.8184 to DM2.8244 ... Page 30

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All roads do not lead to Rome except metaphorically. But every road in Rome leads on to eternity Page 21

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Mr Blair visited Ulster. He smiled, He told the Protestants there would 🏚 be no Irish unity in his lifetime. He charmed everyone and offended everyone in traditional Anglo-Irish fashion Page 20

TIM HAMES

The American judicial system has not been "redeemed" by the McVeigh verdict. All that has been shown is that, in the right circumstances, a verdict can be obtained that chimes with mainstream opinion. There is much that could be done to ensure that trials focus more firmly on the core evidence...

SIMON BARNES

As the runners parade before the Derby at Epsom, most will see a file of horses; but those who know will see not an individual, but also sire and dam, grandsire, the significant sire on the distaff side, on and on back into the mists of gener-.. Page 50

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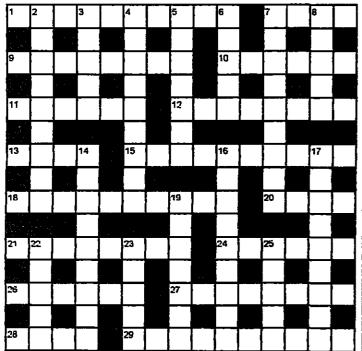
■ Tracking caribou and making clothes from skins are not

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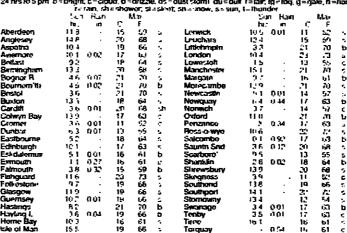
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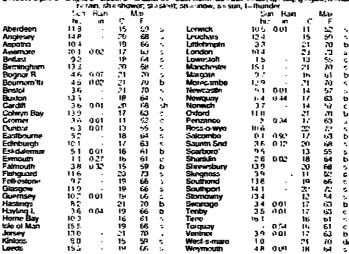
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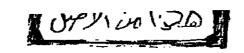
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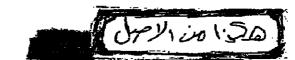
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Long-awaited restructuring focuses on Betacom electronics

Sugar takes £68m cash from Amstrad

ALAN SUGAR, chairman of Amstrad shareholders will get Tottenham Hotspur Football Club, is to take £68 million of cash out of Amstrad, the company he created, as part of its long-awaited restructuring.

The Amstrad name will vanish from the share registers as Mr Sugar splits the group into its component parts and gives investors a package of shares and cash that could be worth well over £400

Betacom, the consumer elecgroup in which stake, will become the focus for Mr Sugar's business ambitions. He will become executive chairman of the company which has taken on all the old Amstrad consumer electronics business, including the manufacture of set-top decoders for digital television, and may ultimately change its name to Amstrad. It will be like the old Amstrad," Mr Sugar said yesterday. "We may change its a bit confusing."

The shake-up has been likely since Psion, the hand-held computer maker, called off negotiations for a £250 million takeover of Amstrad last summer. The subsequent sale of Dancall, the mobile phonemaker, for £92 million, left Amstrad with £200 million of cash, which Mr Sugar said he would distribute to shareholders as soon as he found a tax-

efficient way to do so. In the restructuring,

£200 million of loan notes which they can convert into cash worth 162p a share plus a stake in Betacom, a share in Viglen, Amstrad's personal computer-maker ex-

pected to be valued at £140 million, and an interest in the ongoing litigation against two US computer hard disk manufacturers. The total value of the package is at least £400 million, of which Mr Sugar's share is about £140 million, £68 million of which is in cash. Amstrad shares rose 132p.

to 277p, which compares with the 200p a share Psion said it was going to pay. "The Psion deal was going to bring me

E80 million, this deal will bring me £140 million," Mr Sugar said.

A trust, chaired by Mr Sugar and including Peter Level, QC, chief executive of the FA Premiership, will be in charge of the legal actions arising from the failure of the PC2286 and PC2386 computers in the early 1990s. In the UK, Amstrad sued Seagate Technology and was recently awarded £57.6 million in dams. Costs and interest could take this beyond £100 million,

though Seagate may appeal. In the US, an action against Western Digital is due to start in October, and Amstrad's position has been helped by the

Calfornia court ruling recently that Western had to change its lawyers. Any money coming from the legal action will be passed on to Amstrad shareholder, who will be given a participation letter

Mr Sugar will have no involvement in Viglen, apart from that of a non-executive director and large shareholder. The business had a turnover of £106 million and operating profits of £10.6 million in the year to June 1996. The City expects the business to be valued at EI40 million, or 115p a share for Amstrad

Betacom shares reacted poorly to the prospect of Mr Sugar becoming full-time chairman, falling 4p to 59p. This company will have all the old Amstrad businesses but without that terrible over-Sugar said.

The business will also have the expected contract from British Interactive Broadcast-ing, the BT, Midland Bank, BSkyB and Matsushita consortium involved in satellite digital TV, to make set-top boxes. BIB has said it will order up to a million boxes, though Masushita is expected to take the lion's share. Mr Sugar founded Amstrad

which stands for Alan Michael Sugar Trading - in 1968 and floated it in 1980. Before it ran into difficulties with the PC2286 and PC2386 it was making profits of over £160 million a year.



Alan Sugar, who described the structural changes as a "return to the old Amstrad"

Troubled Racal sends signal to buyers

By Paul Durman

RACAL ELECTRONICS effectively invited offers for its husinesses vesterday when it said it was ready to consider all options to deliver maxi-

mum returns to shareholders. With Racal appointing Goldman Sachs, the US investment bank, to assess its struggling data products arm, and with plans for a similar tions business, the City believes the moves herald the

long-rumoured break-up. Racal also said it intended to make about 1,000 job cuts this year, about a third of them in the UK. Sir Ernest Harrison, chairman of Racal, denied he was putting up a "for sale" sign, but the company made it clear there are no sacred cows in its bid to revive its depressed share price, up 12p to 235p yesterday.

Racal believes it will need a partner to make the most of its telecommunications business. which increased operating profits by two thirds, to £43.1 million, last year. This was the highlight of annual results that showed group pre-tax profits falling from £70.4 million to £40.4 million.

The group said the plan for its new defence electronics division, formed from the and the loss-making radio communications businesses. was to remain independent. However, it acknowledges the rapid consolidation taking place in the defence industry It also said it is prepared to sell the businesses outside its three main divisions.

Racal intends to pay a final dividend of 3.9p a share on August 28 to maintain the total payout at 6p a share.

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Award for **Times** journalist

MARIANNE CURPHEY. pictured, deputy personal finance editor of The Times, has won the consumer pension and investment journalist of the year award. She was presented with the award yesterday at the House of Commons



by John Hayes, chairman of the Occupational Pensions Regulatory Authority. The award was sponsored by Alexander Clay. the actuary and benefit consultant. The Times is currently personal finance newspaper of the year.

Coke takes fizz out of Cadbury

COCA-COLA took some of ing taking legal action at this

the fizz out of Cadbury Schweppes yesterday when it confirmed that it had offered McDonald's franchisees an exclusive deal that would bar the sale of Dr Pepper and Seven-Up at any of the hamburger chain's US

News of the offer caused Cadbury Schweppes shares to fall 15p to close at 5262p with analysts estimating a successful McDonald's tieup could cost Cadbury up to \$50 million in lost turnover. Around 5 per cent of Dr Pepper's \$1 billion sales are made through McDonald's US outlets.

Cadbury responded by saying it would examine all possible means to counter the threat. It is believed to be considering offering free Dr Pepper syrup to McDonald's

The company is also understood to feel that Coca-Cola's move verges on

By Tunku Varadarajan and Alasdaja Murray illegality but it is not consider-

> Coca-Cola has made previous attempts to corner the McDonald's soft drink market, although the popularity of Dr Pepper especially in the South and West of America has so far prevented Cadbury losing much ground.

But the latest beverage battle comes at a critical time for Cadbury, which has reported poor sales of Seven-Up in recent months, and is suffering from strike action at its Birmingham chocolate plant in exchange for selling only

Coca-Cola beverages, including its own rival spicy cherry brand Mr Pibb, Coca-Cola is offering up to 600 free gallons of soda syrup per restaurant as a reward. The offer translates into almost 90,000 drinks per res-

taurant, which would ensure

substantial cost savings for

smaller restaurants.

suffer another fall warning at Oasis

By Anne Ashworth and Caroline Merrell

THE Halifax's army of small shareholders suffered further disappointment yesterday. Shares in the former building society fell again, closing down 10p at 724 p, 50p below Monday's opening price.

Those customers who used the Halifax's free share-dealing service continued to fare better than many who used brokers. Shares sold through the Halifax service are being auctioned direct to institution al investors. Merrill Lynch, the securities house handling the auction, said that some IO million shares were sold in a second auction, on Monday evening, for an average price of 732.8p. Those with the average holding of 310 shares received £2,271.68.

Jeremy Batstone, head of research at NatWest Stockbrokers, attributed the decline in the Halifax price to the nervous state of the banking sector. He predicted that the price would be supported by index-tracking funds (obliged

to have a stake in all shares in the FT-SE 100) in the run up to Halifax's inclusion in the index on June 23. He said: "Many funds are still underweight in Halifax but are

keeping their powder dry."

Those Halifax customers who chose to buy additional shares on Monday are nursing a loss on their investment. A spokesman for Sharelink, the largest execution-only

Stock Market

share-dealing service, which did £45 million worth of business in Halifax shares on Monday, said: "Many investors chose to buy when the market opened and are now feeling aggrieved."

Shares of Alliance & Leicester, another former building society that floated on the stock market, fell 5p to 5964p yesterday. They traded at a high of 638p after flotation.

Halifax investors | Chiefs sell before

By Sarah Cunningham

retailer, issued a profit warning yesterday, just weeks after directors and members of the family who control the company sold more than £5.5

million worth of shares. The company said first-half profits would be "materially lower" than last year. The shares plunged 21 per cent. Family members to sell in-

cluded Michael Bennett, chairman, his son John Bennett, a director, and Maurice Bennett. vice-chairman. Lynne Burstall, Peter Evans and David Sarson, all directors, also sold shares in April at between 400p and 405p. Vivian Scott, managing director, sold in late April and also on May 9, when he unloaded 100,000 shares at 385p. The shares closed at 26712p vesterday after falling 73p.

The chairman insisted that the problems that will lead to the profit fall only became evident in the past few weeks. The company told its annual meeting that sales growth since

OASIS, the high street fashion the year end "has been below our fairly demanding expectations". Like-for-like sales rose 4 per cent in the first 18 weeks of this year compared with 12.5 per cent last year.

Mark Josefson, retail analyst at Panmure Gordon, lowered his forecast for the current year to £16.5 million from EIS million. Profits will also be hit by a

higher level of discounted sales than planned. Michael Bennett said buyers had ordered too wide a range of clothing and the collection had become "bitty". Orders have been changed to refocus the collection and he said he was confident about prospects.

The issue of a legal claim by Graham and Edwina Brown, the founders of the original stores to bear the Oasis name, against directors of the company was raised by a shareholder at the meeting. Rowley Agar, a non-executive director. said he was confident that the Browns' case would fail.

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MEPC to hunt out takeover targets

By CARL MORTISHED

MEPC, the property group that rebuffed a merger proposal from Hammerson this year. has set its sights on corporate activity while giving warning that the property market is in

danger of overheating.
The company has hired Robert Ware as corporate development director with a brief to seek out property deals in the Tuckey, chief executive, said property prices were rising and pointed to the easy availability of credit and the re-emergence of gazumping. People are making bids at prices we would not contemplate. The feeling our guys are getting is that it is getting hot out there." MEPC's interim profits al-

most disappeared because of the E73 million cost of cancelling interest rate swaps. At the pre-tax level, profits fell from £67 million to £2.5 million. Excluding the exceptional cost, profits rose to E75.7 million. thanks in part to a £10.8 million

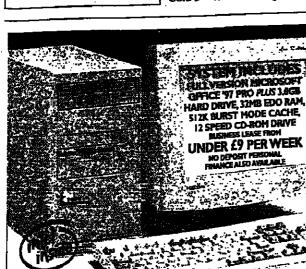
gain from disposals.

Mr Tuckey said the board had authorised £470 million of new investment, including the Clarks deal, with most of it earmarked for acquisitions. Net rental income was

down El million in the first half at £192 million, mainly because of property sales, but rents in the core investments rose by £3 million. The dividend for the full

year will be maintained at 20p. with an interim payout of 5.25p, the same as last time.

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Costs targeted to counter future impact of pricing curbs

Warning by Grid as profits rise

INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

THE NATIONAL GRID, the country's electricity transmission network operator, yesterin pre-tax profits with a warning of tougher times over future results because of the latest pricing review.

But the company pledged to combat the impact of the price curbs, which came into force in April, with a tough costcutting programme.

THE Government has been

told that the US system for

resolving industrial disputes,

which was flagged as a blueprint for new UK union legis-

lation during the election campaign, suffers from seri-ous deliciencies.

William Gould, who runs

the system as chairman of the National Labor Relations

Board (NLRB), said: "Britain

should avoid the pitfalls of

litigation that we have

KPMG tax

fears for

business

KPMG, the accountancy

firm, believes the Govern-

ment will use the Budget

to make big changes in

corporate taxation, includ-

ing the abolition of tax relief on dividend pay-

ments (Alasdair Murray

Ian Barlow, head of the

tax division, yesterday said

that Labour is most likely

to target the "imputation"

system. which gives share-

holders a tax credit on

KPMG says the Chan-cellor could raise up to El0

billion through increases

in personal taxation with-

out breaking manifesto

commitments. But the ac-

countancy firm reckons it

is unlikely the Govern-

ment wanted to break the

"spirit" of its tax promises.

Minor changes could in-

clude the abolition of tax

relief on private medical

insurance and an increase

in the inheritance tax rate

from 40 per cent.

dividend payments.

tive, said that no more job losses were planned on top of the 750 outlined six months ago but that up to 70 middle managers would be affected by cutting out two layers of management. So far 200 company jobs have gone with the remainder to come in the next five years. The Grid is targeting a double-digit reduction in controllable costs in its transmission operation this year, and plans a cut of 6 per cent a

year for the next four years.

US provides

warning on

trade union

law changes

By OLIVER AUGUST

Congress this week.

ing to Mr Gould.

Along with other utilities in the windfall tax firing line, the Grid is lobbying to keep its bill as low as possible. Mr Jones said that it has emphasised to Treasury officials that regional electricity companies, which used to own the business prior to its flotation in late 1995, received most of the benefits. It has also highlighted the £50 per customer rebate paid after the company moved onto the stock market, which took £1 billion off its balance sheet.

Treasury but has no plans to meet officials. They are holding talks with other companies ahead of the Budget when Gordon Brown will announce details of the tax. Energis, the Grid's telecoms

legal challenge to the tax until

it knows the form and amount

of the levy. It has made a

written submission to the

division, improved its performance in the year to March 31 and the company said it was no longer looking to involve

key partners in the operation but rather to forge alliances. Sales at the subsidiary jumped 127 per cent and the operating loss was cut by 26 per cent, to £54.2 million.

The company said it was pressing on with international expansion in spite of problems in Pakistan where the Government has refused permission for it to link independent power stations into the transmission network. It is increasing its stake in Argentina's network in a move that will make it the registered opera-tor. The Grid is also bidding for projects in Australia, India and Zambia.

Overall, pre-tax profits rose 12.2 per cent from pro forma figures to £591.4 million. Strong cash generation and the refund of surplus advance corporation tax reduced the company's gearing from 114 per cent to 61 per cent. The final dividend, due October I, was set at 6.68p, making a total for the year of II.13p, up by 8.4 per cent.

UKAV to

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Coal Products buys rival distributor

COAL PRODUCTS, the biggest manufacturer of smokeless fuel and the second largest solid fuel distributor, has completed the purchase of British Fuels, the largest solid fuel distributor, in a £32 million deal. It is thought that the takeover could lead to a flotation or trade sale within a year. Coal Products and British Fuels were created by management buyouts when the British Coal Corporation was

privatised two years ago.

The purchase of British Fuels, which distributes coal, oil and gas to domestic, industrial and agricultural buyers, by Coal Products creates a company with a turnover of £650 million. David Foster, chief executive of the enlarged group, said: "The merger will provide a platform for the continuing development and expansion of a dynamic energy business. Speculation has been triggered that a flotation or trade sale could quickly follow the takeover as the venture capital backers will be keen to see a return on their investment.

Brent Spar bids received

SHELL UK said it has selected six contractors who have detailed nine bids to dispose of Brent Spar, the giant oil, storage and loading buoy. "Now we've received the nine detailed bids, we can start the long process of comparing them with each other and the benchmark option of deep sea disposal," Eric Faulds, Shell's decommissioning manager, said. Mr Faulds said the group would not announce contactors' cost estimates until Det Norske Veritas, the international certification, classification and advisory body, had compared bids.

Tesco plans call centre

TESCO, the supermarket group, has announced plans to create 300 jobs at a new 24-hour call centre. The facility, in Glasgow, will provide support for Tesco Personal Finance, the company's joint venture with the Royal Bank of Scotland. The call centre will be built in George Square and will be operational by July. Recruitment of the 300 staff is already under way. Brian Wilson, the Scottish Office Industry Minister, said he was delighted at the company's decision.

TLG lands £19m orders

TLG HAS won airfield lighting orders worth a total of £19 million in the Far East and Egypt. The orders include a £16.1 million contract from the Hong Kong airport authority for the supply, installation and commissioning of the airfield lighting system for the second runway at Hong Kong's new airport at Chek Lap Kok. The other two contracts involve a £2 million order for the second runway at Cairo airport and a £600,000 contract for lighting at three airports in Thailand.

R-R wins turbine orders

ROLLS-ROYCE, the UK aerospace and engineering company, said its Cooper Rolls joint venture with America's Cooper Cameron Corp has won orders for gas turbines worth more than \$150 million. Rolls-Royce said the 15 Coberra turbine packages would be installed in gas transmission and offshore gas installations in America, Canada. Slovakia and the North Sea. The Northern Border Pipeline Company ordered 11 of the units for delivery this autumn.

Toy Options advances

TOY OPTIONS raised pre-tax profits 21 per cent to £2.25 million in the six months to February 28 on sales up 23 per cent to £21 million. Earnings per share rose 15 per cent to 7.36p, with the half-year dividend rising 20 per cent to 1.2p. Richard King, chairman, said: "The board is confident that the group's four trading companies provide the group with a solid base from which further growth, both in the domestic and international market, will be achieved for the foreseeable future."

French merger nearer

THE European Commission is today expected to approve the merger of Cie. de Suez and Lyonnaise des Eaux-Dumez, forming one of France's largest industrial companies. The new company, called Suez-Lyonnais, has presented an acceptable solution to the only potential competition problem in the merger, involving waste management services in Belgium, by agreeing to sell its 49 per cent interest in PAGE. a waste management company.

Sharples makes £6.7m

CHRISTOPHER SHARPLES, former head of the Securities and Futures Authority, yesterday made a profit of about £1.3 million and a paper gain of a further £5.4 million, after the successful flotation of a software company he co-founded. Royal Blue, supplier of City dealing software and general IT support. announced the placing of more than 6.8 million shares, mainly with institutions, at a price of 170p, valuing the whole company at about £46.7 million. Dealing should start on June 9.

Eurocopy's flat returns

EUROCOPY, the photocopier producer, blamed its failure to close takeover deals for flat profits at the halfway stage. The company, which made £2.44 million (£2.37 million) before tax in the six months to March 31, said it had been on the point of making several bolt-on acquisitions but had been forced to pull out at the due diligence stage each time. Its shares eased 2'2p to 64'2p. Earnings were 3.27p (3.21p) a share and an interim dividend of 0.93p (0.88p) is due on September 1.

Verdict on windfalls

THE market for furniture and carpets, worth about £9 billion last year, will grow faster than total retail sales this year and next, driven by windfall gains from building society florations and the huoyancy of the housing market, according to a report today by Verdict, the retail consultants. It says the average windfall of £1.500 to £2.0001 "equates nearly to the cost of a new three-piece suite or a carpet" but adds that consumer caution will ensure there is no repeat 1980s-style boom.

use new purchase

By JASON NISSE

for bid

UK ACTIVE VALUE, the aggressive investment fund run by Julian Treger and Brian Myerson, has taken control of a small quoted timber company, John Mansfield, which it aims to use to make a takeover bid worth as much as £200 million.

The fund is paying E5 million for a 65.4 per cent stake in Mansfield. UKAV is paying 3p a share for the stake. Mansfield shares rose from 5½p to 8p, giving UKAV an immediate profit of £8.3 million.

Mansfield will be used alongside UKAV's normal investment strategy, which often involves taking strategic stakes in underperforming companies and pressing for a management shake-up.
Among the quoted companies that have faced the UKAV treatment are Scholl, Signet. Kenwood and Greycoat.

Mr Treger said: "Having a quoted company gives us an extra tool for implementing our strategy for adding value in investments. A lot of institutions have said 'if you think this company needs a change. why don't you bid for it'. Well now we can if we want."

UKAV is looking at a couple of companies that Mansfield might take over. It has not decided whether it will buy a public or private group, or whether it will make an agreed or hostile bid. It depends on what opportunities arise." said Mr Treger.

UKAV has raised more than \$200 million in its UKAV Continuation Fund. It was boning to raise a new fund, but this was put on hold until the Signet restructuring was completed. UKAV has made a profit of more than 100 per cent on its Signet investment.

Mr Treger. Mr Myerson and David Couley, their colleague, will join the board of Mansfield, with four of Mansfield's directors stepping down, though three of them will stay on to run the timber business.



John Houliston with Dairy Crest's new range of football-theme cartoons

Net gains at Dairy Crest

compared with 19.1p. The

of different unions competing for union recognition at individual factories would be to form a new central organisation, according to Mr Gould. He said: "This could be some

sort of central mechanism involving the TUC. "Our system is generally a good one. But I would hope that the UK will go into this aware of the problems that have arisen in the US.

the proceedings." In such cases the NLRB will take the

One solution to the problem

employer to court.

dairy spreads hoosted profits at Dairy Crest last year. offsetting continued pressure on liquid milk prices and a milk producers, was £35.5 million in the 12 months to fall in sales of dairy ingredients to food manufacturers March 31. This was £4 million higher than the previous year. and of milk delivered to the doorstep (Sarah Cunningham Earnings per share were 21.7p writes). Pre-tax profit for the

final dividend of 6.64p (6.07p) gives a full-year dividend of company, where John Houliston is chief executive and which floated last August and is still 60 per cent owned by

Any benefits to Dairy Crest from a cut in milk prices were wiped out when other dairy companies immediately passed on the whole of the cut to retailers. Dairy Crest said it was forced to follow suit.

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RECOMMENDED CASH OFFER on behalf of **ANGLIAN WATER Plc** to acquire the whole of the issued share capital of HARTLEPOOL WATER PLC

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Enron loses court battle over North Sea contracts

By CHRISTINE BUCKLEY, INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

ENRON was yesterday dealt another blow over North Sea gas contracts after a court said it must pay a collection of companies fees, interest and costs. It could be forced to pay £100 million over the transportation of gas to Teesside.

The American power company that on Monday agreed to pay £275 million to BG. Phillips Petroleum and Agip over a high-priced contract for gas, said it may appeal. Kenneth Lay, chairman of Enron said: Enron always stands behind its contractual obligations, but we will also

shareholders and customers." The London Commercial Court ruled against Enron and in favour of the owners of the Central Area Transmission System (CATS), one of the largest North Sea gas transportation and processing networks. The owners include Amoco, which operates the system, BG, Amerada Hess

and Phillips. According to the

judge the change in the price

of gas was pivotal to the

dispute between CATS and

Teesside Gas Transportation Ltd. which is owned by Enron.

over the 15-year capacity reserprotect the interests of our vation and transportation agreement between them. Mr Justice Langley said: " have little doubt that but for the fall in gas prices all of the matters of which the defendants complain could and would have been readily sorted out in the spirit of co-operation

which existed before then." Clive Fowler, managing director of Amoco UK Exploration Company, said: "Amoco and the other CATS owners are delighted . . . it is a vindication of our decision to initi-

Diamonds, gold and coal put shine on mining firm's year

Anglo American earnings surge



ANGLO AMERICAN, the South African mining company, turned in a sharp rise in earnings last year on the back of strong performances in diamonds, gold and coal. Anglo's black empowerment

drive brought in further windfalls, underpinned by the dis-posal of a 35 per cent stake in Johnnies Industrial Corporation to the National Empowerment Consortium. This and other disposals brought in R2.1 billion (£288 million) compared with R4S5 million (E66 million) the previous year.

Net carnings increased from R4.4 billion (£602 mil-lion) to R7.1 billion (£972 million) in the year to end-March. A final dividend of 540 cents per share makes 700

share (1.885 cents). Julian Ogilvic Thompson, chairman of Anglo, described 1990 as "a pleasing year with significantly improved headline earnings, further expan-Sion of our operations and more recently, the completion of major black economic empowerment initiatives."

cluding De Beers and Minorco. lifted contributions to net income by 25 per cent, on the back of much-improved operating results from diamonds, gold and mining cents for the year, up by 23 per cent. Total net earnings for the year were 3,037 cents per finance interests. Trading income was 36 per cent higher, reflecting the buoyant market conditions enjoyed by Anglo American Coal Corporation.

Dividend income from general investments was 20 per cent higher on the back of increased distributions from diamond trading, and the first dividends from Anglo's 27.5 per cent stake in Lonrho.

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I t was very public spirited of James Tuckey, the MEPC chief executive, to issue a

warning yesterday that the prop-

erty market is in danger of over-

heating. Sadly, there seems little

likelihood of his words being

heeded by those whose fingers,

and arms, are most likely to be

ing to put their money into

commercial property just as the

The Bank of England has a

stab at monitoring property lend-

ing. It has good reason to do so,

since the Bank's lifeboat has

plenty of experience of being

summoned to the rescue of

financiers struggling to keep

afloat among a sea of empty

office blocks. But there are

indications that the Bank's fig-

ures may seriously under-es-timate the scale of the cash

currently flowing into new developments. In March, the

Bank was taking comfort from

the fact that property lending stood at £30 billion and was

falling. Savills, a firm of property

consultants which has little rea-

son for scare-mongering, puts the figure at a minimum of £47

billion, possibly £57 billion, and

certainly growing.

The difference is down to

definition. Savills based its figures on an analysis of the top 80

lenders. Of these, 23 do not

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Hot property will burn fingers

lending by banks that have only burned. With an awful in-evitability, financiers are rushrepresentative offices in the UK and by the building societies which, in their search for excitement, are increasingly venturing into the dangerous world of

In the wine bars of the West End, where sharp-suited properry types gather, the sport is in trying to predict which of these generous lenders will be left with some expensive empty office space when shortage of supply turns to shortage of demand, as it most surely will.

After a few years of relative restraint, in which funding depended on the presence of a tenant, the plausible gentlemen who enjoy creating office blocks are succeeding in persuading financiers to back them in putting up_speculative developments.

The last ones to start coming out of the ground will almost certainly be completed as the business cycle brings demand for office space shuddering to a halt. Rents that currently can be projected forward to show a satisfying return will prove to have been little more than

Those who doubt it should ask the Reichman brothers for a quick run through the figures **COMMENTARY** by our City Editor

Wharf was a great idea. And if further proof were needed that the property market is getting ahead of itself, take a look at Embankment Place, the palace by Charing Cross station which Greycoat would dearly love to be rid of. Rumour has it that a buyer has appeared and is talking serious money for a building which will have no hope of showing rental growth for many years. The Sultan of Brunei is the name being mentioned.

The importance of Sir Ernest

acal Electronics' advisers dressed it up with jargon, but it is hard to see any purpose in yesterday's strategy statement other than to hasten the break-up of the group. It is meaningless to talk about focusing on three main businesses while banging on about the need to "review all options" in order to

maximise value for shareholders. Cutting through the City speak, Racal's businesses are up

As the 71-year-old Sir Ernest Harrison made clear yesterday, Racal's guiding light for so many years is finally ready to retire, though he intends "to see the job through". The implied finality suggests he is aiming for something more than a modest uplift in the share price.

Only six weeks ago, David Elsbury, Racal's chief executive, dismissed the idea of the long-rumoured break-up. Now Goldman Sachs is looking at the data products business, and Racal is seeking advisers to look for deals for its telecommunications husiness. Perhaps Sir Ernest has just grown tired of explaining away the company's regular disappointments.

Racal's problem is that in telecoms, data communications products and defence electronics, it is a small player in fastchanging international industries. In telecoms, it will need a partner to provide the capital to take full advantage of the opportunities. The defence industry is consolidating rapidly Racal claims to have restored the health and reputation of its data products arm, but has yet to produce the results to prove it and will continue to face much

It is just about believable that Racal could link up with (say) AT&T in telecoms and with GEC or ITT in defence, and sell the data products business. But Racal would become little more than an investment holding company, lacking the rationale for an independent existence.

stronger American competition.

With its numerous businesses, dismembering Racal may prove trickier than it looks, and it will be difficult for Sir Ernest to repeat his spectacular successes with Vodafone and Chubb Security. However, don't bet against him - he reckons to have created about £10

billion of wealth for shareholders over the last 30 years.

At 235p, there is near-unanimity that Racal's shares are substantially undervalued. The telecoms business is growing well and a hunch says Racal's latest generation of data products will finally deliver decent results. The old man may still have one final blaze of glory.

Making a meal of the minimum wage

Professor George Bain will have won himself few friends in Government with his admission that a minimum wage will cost jobs, but he has certainly reassured industrialists that he will be taking a realistic approach to his task Peter Jarvis, the rumoured

candidate for the role of chairman of the Low Pay Commission, did discuss the job with the Government, but would have had severe difficulties in being accepted by the trades unions. Now the haggling will start. Most major businesses see little

problem in coping with a minimum wage set at £3.50 or below, although employers organisations will start with a much

lower suggestion and the unions will aim high. Yet the headline figure is just the starting point. Companies will need to know just what benefits can be taken into the equation. In the catering industry, never the most generous of employers, what value should be attached to the perk of meals on the job and a uniform? A small point but one that could have quite an impact on profits.

What flexibility will there be for the employment of trainers and holiday relief workers? The Government is wedded to its Welfare to Work scheme, but many youngsters are happy to gain work experience without being well remunerated if their CVs are going to show the benefit.

Those who run businesses must now accept the principle of a minimum wage and prepare to work with it, but they need to persuade Professor Bain that the difficulties could lie in the details.

Derring-duo

HOW brave of Julian Treger and Brian Myerson, the powers be-hind UK Active Value. The scourges of Signet, Greycoat, Kenwood et al. have taken control of timber merchant John Mansfield with the intention of turning it into a corporate deal doer. They had better deliver some impressive returns — otherwise someone might buy a 10 per cent stake, requisition an extraordinary meeting, and have the South Africans ousted from the board.

Vodafone seeks to build presence in overseas markets

By Eric Reguly

VODAFONE, the largest mobile-phone company, yesterday said it would seek to convert its minority overseas investments into control positions as the international portfolio moves into profit. ity stake in SFR of France

The overseas operations reported their first operating profit, of £14.4 million, in the year to March 31, against a loss of £27 million a year earlier and almost £46 million in 1994-95. The portfolio includes mobile-phone companies in France, Greece, lands, Germany, Sweden and Hong Kong.

Vodasone said: "It is our objective to increase the level of our shareholdings in non-

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UK businesses, changing their ing low-margin, low-use cusstatus from investment to tomers. It attributes its slower growth rate to this. associate and then to subsid-Vodafone ended the year iary." The company recently took control of Panason, the with 2.87 million customers. Greek mobile-phone comup 415,000. In the previous pany, and will boost its minoryear, it recruited 633,000 net

before the end of the year. Customer growth in the overseas businesses exceeded growth in the core UK market for the first time. Vodasone's share of the overall market has slipped from 42.7 per cent two years ago to 40 per cent as competition has intensified. but it remains the market leader.

Under Chris Gent, chief executive, the company has pursued a policy of not chas-

Union membership falls

a year on average during this period. The rate of 1989, data out today shows (Alasdair Murray writes). About 7.2 million people decline slowed to just I per cent last year. belonged to a union last year, Postal and rail strikes two million fewer than in 1989. The proportion of all employees in unions fell helped to lose 1.3 million working days to labour disfrom 39 per cent in 1989 to 31

putes last year, the highest figure since 1990. Fossil warning, page 31

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Chris Gent has forsaken the pursuit of low-margin, low-volume business

De La Rue hit by integration of Harrison

BY OLIVER AUGUST

DE LA RUE, the security printer, yesterday reported a sharp and unexpected fall in pre-tax profits from £148 million to £106 million in the year to March 31. Its shares tumbled from 485p to 4212 p.

The drop in profits was mainly because of exceptional charges of £15 million relating to the integration of Harrison & Sons, the printer that supplies the Royal Mail with most of its stamps. De La Rue bought debt-laden Harrison from Lonrho in February. Last month De La Rue announced that 400 jobs were to go at the banknote and security docu ments division.

Underlying pre-tax profits dropped to £120 million, about £7 million lower than analysts had predicted. In the main cash systems division the profit fall was caused by a change in the product mix during the year. Sales slipped 2.7 per cent to £267.8 million from £275.3

The company declared in will increasingly divert profits from its banking machine operations to the development of smart cards and other cashless technology.

Lord Limerick, chairman, said the company was looking forward to growth in the use of smart cards in the medium to long term. He said: "We do not expect such cashless systems

ed £16 million to profits. Earnings per share fell to 35p (50.5p) and the full-year dividend rose to 24p (23.75p). An unchanged final of 16.5p will be paid on August 14.

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cent stake in Camelot, the

National Lottery operator, add-

De La Rue said its 22.5 per

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Respite for names on minimum asset level

LLOYD'S of London has slowed changes to its canital base after traditional names argued that they were being forced out of the market.

Lloyd's said yesterday that it will raise the minimum assets required by most members from £250,000 to £350,000 by 2002, three years later than the original deadline.

Sir David Berriman. chairman of the Association on Lloyd's Members (ALM), welcomed the extension: "It should enable most names to continue to underwrite." Those members who cannot meet the new requirement will be allowed to underwrite on a scaled-down basis.

The revised plan, aimed at improving Lloyd's underlying security, allows names to continue using bank guarantees or letters of credit secured on their homes, but only if they predate December 31, 1994. The ALM said that it "still has some reservations" about this clause. Increases in the amount

of funds lodged at Lloyd's will be phased in over three rather than the proposed two years. However, individual members will eventually have to deposit 40 per cent of their premium limit, rather than the anticipated 37.5 per cent. The overall minimum

capital requirement, including assets retained by the member, will be raised to 50 per cent as expected. Individual members will now have to comply by 2000 rather than 1999.

Scottish builder lifted | Albert Fisher buys chilled by early profits target

By Fraser Nelson

SHARES in Morrison Construction jumped to a high yesterday after the Scottish building group turned in year-end profits of £16.2 million — a target it was not expected to reach until 1998.

new customers. The down-

ward trend will continue, with

350,000 to 400,000 net new

customers expected in the

also on the wane in the UK.

with an average of £427 in the

year, down from £481 previ-

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ed and is the result of the

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mobile phones more often. The higher number of UK

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bution from the overseas oper-

ations were behind the 13 per

cent rise in pre-tax profits, to

£539 million, on turnover of

£1.75 billion, up 25 per cent.

Earnings per share were 11.89p

against 10.15p. Profits were in

A final dividend of 2.45p is to

be paid on August 15, making a

total of 4.81p, up 20 per cent. The shares closed unchanged

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line with City forecasts.

at 271½p.

Revenue per subscriber is

current year.

The shares jumped 122p to 2925 p as the company, which last year returned profits of £11.4 million, said that its £5 million-a-year team of con-tract hunters had already won orders to fill 60 per cent of this year's budget.

Fraser and Gordon Morrison, whose father founded the and is due on August 1.

company 50 years ago, intend to sell a fifth of their shareholding, currently worth £21.4 million. The brothers stand to make more than £6.48 million each from the shares, which have more than doubled in value since joining the market at 115p each less than three years ago. They will not disclose how much they originally paid for the stake under secrecy agreements struck with Charter.

A final dividend of 3.5p brings the total to 5.14p (4.5p) food supplier for £27m

ALBERT FISHER, the food company, is paying £26.9 mil-lion to acquire Howard Long International, the main UK supplier of shredded lettuce to the McDonalds burger chain. HLI also supplies bags of salad to several supermarket chains. The business made a pre-tax profit of £1.9 million last year, and in late Decem-

ber had net assets of £3 HLI is located in Methwold. Norfolk and is owned by

Howard Long, an American businessman who has a longstanding relationship with McDonalds through his US interests. Albert Fisher already supplies sauces and dips to the fast-food chain.

Neil England, Albert Fisher's chief executive, said chilled prepared salads was a key area for the group. It already has a strong position in the US and is keen to strengthen its European business. HLI would complement Fisher Chilled Foods' coleslaw business in York and the new

prepared fruit factory in Wisbech, Cambridgeshire. Albert Fisher also announced a big profit on the \$5 million it invested in San Miguel. the Argentine lemon producer, in July 1995.

The company has received \$7 million for about 30 per cent of its stake as part of San Miguel's listing on the Buenos Aires stock exchange. Its remaining holding is worth about \$15 million. The investment was principally made to secure European marketing rights for the lemons.

WPP acquires £13.6m stake in rival

By Fraser Nelson

WPP, the advertising group run by Martin Sorrell, has bought a 14.4 per cent stake in rival CIA Group for up to £13.6 million in a move that could lead to them joining forces to buy advertis-

CIA, which specialises in media buying, has been valued at £70.8

million through the agreement with WPP paying 17012p per share. CIA's shares increased 14p to a 12-month high of 1742 p.

The deal comes two months after WPP merged the US advertising purchase arms of Ogilvy and JWT, its two largest subsidiaries - a move which analysts say may be repeated in the UK. WPP has already linked up with rival Omnicom to create The Media Partnership, now the second largest name in Europe for advertising space purchasing. In Britain, CIA has more clout than

either Ogilvy or JWT in the purchasing field. It has an annual spend of £230 million a year, against Ogilvy's £211 million and JWT's £174 million. Zenith is the market leader with an annual

become the largest external shareholder in CIA, owning a higher stake than any institution. It has paid a basic EIO.2 million for the stake, and may pay an extra £3.3 million.

Two weeks ago, it completed investments in seven US Internet companies for a total of \$11 million. Its shares rose 5p to 247p.

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Shield Diagnostics back in favour on bid talk

SHIELD DIAGNOSTICS, the former high-flyer, was up and running again on talk of a bid from rival British

The price ended the day 30p higher at 45212p, with a total of 233,670 shares changing hands in a market where traders normally quote a price in 2,000 at a time. There have been some big buyers of the stock in recent days and British Biotech is reckoned to have considered a link-up before now with Shield.

Whispers circulating around the Square Mile suggest British Biotech is prepared to offer £10 a share-plus. Such generous terms would give Shield a price tag of E193 million. That compares with the £1.69 billion that British Biotech. Ip easier at 25712p. is

capitalised at. Shield sprang to prominence last year with AF Factor 12, a process designed to detect cardiovascular ailments in the early stages. It is thought to be cheaper and more efficient than existing processes. Brokers say the market for such a process has huge potential.

Earlier this year the Shield share price tumbled from a peak of 805p after it emerged that blood samples contained in a US study had been corrupted.

Share prices generally staged a dramatic, late revival with the help of a strong opening rally on Wall Street and firmer bond prices. At one stage, the FT-SE 100 index was 38.6 down, reflecting an overnight fall in the Dow Jones industrial average and further gains by sterling against its main rivals. The index reduced the deficit to just 5.0 at 4,557.8, with a 965 shares changing

Halifax, this week's newcomer, finished lower on the day with a fall of 10p at 72412p as turnover reached 2L4 million shares. This compares with an opening price on Monday of 77op. BZW has issued ten million covered call warrants at 97p.

Alan Sugar's decision to start giving money back to Amstrad shareholders lifted the shares 13p to a peak of 277p. Amstrad proposes to hand back £200 million of surplus funds and Viglen Technology, its subsidiary. will become the new holding company. BTR dipped 12p to since 1991, after a dinner with



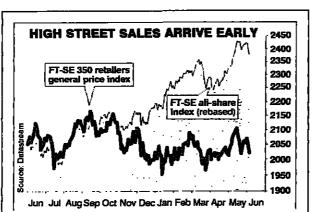
Stephen Wilson, left, and Michael Waller-Bridge may be about to go fundraising again at Tradepoint, down 20p

brokers on Monday night. They visited the group's Rockware glass and Brook Hansen powerdrive divisions. Little fresh news emerged to inspire brokers.

There was some much needed support for P&O, with the price adding 8p to 647p on the back of some positive comments from NatWest Securities, which is telling clients to "add" to their holdings.

Ladbroke added 5p to 244p ahead of a visit today to the group's gaming division. Earlier this week Goldman Sachs, the US securities house, upgraded its profit forecast.

The market had to contend with several gloomy trading statements. Racal Electronics shrugged off the profits setback with the price, up 112p at 235p, underpinned by news of the proposed demerger.



JOHN DAVID SPORTS continued to reel from the news it had failed to shift certain lines of stock which would impact on margins. The price fell 21p to 250p, stretching the two-day loss to 80p. It also hurt other sportswear retailers with JJB Sports down 1912p at 473p. and Blacks Leisure

4734p off at 471p. Oasis Stores tumbled 73p to 26712p after warning the market that sales had fallen short of expectations. During the past couple of months directors of the company have sold shares worth more than £5 million. John Richards, retail analyst at NatWest Securities, says the fall in the shares of Oasis and John David Sports will be seen

as a healthy correction. "It is a conspicuous problem that these companies have brought upon themof their stock with limited

Nike, the sportswear supplier, has already warned it will fail to meet its original forecast. "Nike could not sustain that degree of domi-nance", added Richards.

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for De La Rue, which lost 6312p at 42112p on news of its profits decline.

A slowdown in the rate of growth at Brammer left the shares nursing a fall of 48p at

Some impressive profit numbers from Cleveland Trust put 4120 on the shares at 110p. The industrial property developer, which owns the port of Boston, lifted profits by more than £300,000 to £1.96 million. David Havnes, chairman, says the current year has started well and he hinted that the group may be poised to make further acquisitions.

Speculation is mounting that AIM-listed Tradepoint. down 20p at 75p, is about to ask shareholders to dig deep into their pockets again for an extra El million. The lossmaking company, which is a rival to the London stock market, is said to be asking for the money as an alternativeto obtaining long-term finance, Michael Waller-Bridge and Stephen Wilson, directors of the company, had been hoping to strike a deal to obtain further finance before last weekend's deadline expired.

Kalamazoo Computer jumped 1312p to 9212p after confirming that it had re-ceived a bid approach. The company warned the market that with 40 per cent of the shares tied up in a trust, it may prove difficult to make an

Morrison Group stood out with a jump of 1212p at 29212p on the back of a 42 per cent leap in pre-tax profits last year to Elo.2 million.

☐ GILT-EDGED: The strength of sterling and firmer European bond markets combined to drive gilts sharply higher in thin trading, with gains stretching by more than El. The Bank of England issued two small tranches of index-linked stock, which

were immediately sold out. In the futures pit, the September series of the long gilt surged £2732 to £1132332 as a total of 92,000 contracts were completed. Treasury 8 per cent 2015 put on £1332 at £1081932. was three ticks higher at

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NEW YORK:The Dow industrial average pulled ahead after opening lower, ignoring declines in the Nasdaq and the technology sector. By midday it was 46.36 points stronger at 7.335.76.

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Frost bite only temporary

AMID the fuss over Halifax's debut, a chill wind blew through the banking sector. Most of the price falls can be attributed to technical factors — funds liquidating positions to pay for Halifax shares. More fundamental are whispers about the Government's July Budget, and concerns about tax changes prompted at least one company to yesterday announce a revised dividend payment. The notion appears to be, pay out now or lose the

In theory, the Government wants to wear the corporate sector off distribution and encourage investment of retained earnings. However, abolishing ACT and the corresponding tax credit will have little effect on some of the more obvious offenders. Among low tax-paying companies it could encourage even greater windfalls. Many utilities that

came to the market with built-in tax shelters have sought to avoid paying extra tax, in the form of ACT, by classifying payouts to shareholders as capital repayments. Remove ACT and the tax problem disappears, leaving the door open to more windfalls from utilities.

But the chance of seeing a stock market favouring high-risk cyclical industrial shares looks slender at the moment. The earnings outlook is fair, but growth rates will inevitably shrink as the independent Bank of England sets sail for the land of almost-nil inflation. With an RPI of 2 per cent, earnings growth of 6 per cent becomes an achievement. Meanwhile, the banks will continue to thrive, throwing off excess capital and whittling down their baddebt ratios just as they close their branches. Whatever the Government's agenda, the financial stocks could still be the winners.

De La Rue

DE LA RUE's cosy world has disappeared, trans-formed by political changes and new technology. There is no longer any security in banknotes and with the profits from smarteards still elusive, De La Rue's share price should remain erratic.

On the political front. De La Rue is suffering a backlash from its great success during the early 1990s. At the time, the eastern European countries who had just escaped communism all wanted new banknotes and modern banking equipment. This led to a profits boom

which has run its course. De La Rue's bosses complain with some justification about the "accident-prone" label. Windfalls are just that and De La Rue cannot order a rerun. But on the technology front, the accusation is

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more plausible. Smartcards have yet to replace cash even in developed economies. The disappointing trial of the Mondex card in Swindon has shown as much. De La Rue is now toning down its optimism on quick profits from plastic.

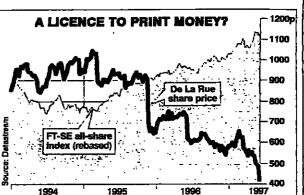
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again yesterday but there is no quick fix in sight. The

two years to test the machines before De La Rue gets a bulk order. While progress in new technology is proving tiresomely slow, the old banknotes business is getting fearsomely competitive. The next year could be more difficult still.

company's new banking

machine promises a better future but the banks will take



MEPC

The property group's shares currently trade at a 6 per cent premium to estimates of its vear end net asset value vet MEPC itself is now eyeing the corporate sector with

interest. Shielded by its own racy valuation, MEPC sees opportunities. if they were out there, surely we would see more

corporate activity, particularly among the property sector's tyros where one-manand-his-dog companies run up million pound overheads to manage portfolios with a net worth of ten million. Unfortunately, the market is but MEPC may be right in predicting corporate activity if the market for bricks and mortar continues to strengthen. London's West End is already hot: so is the

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follow that road as the company is looking in better shape and has a chance of boosting the dividend next year. Having written off £73 million to cancel expensive swaps, it may feel uncomfortable offering shareholders an extra crumb. But those investors who wait could be rewarded as MEPC is better geared to rising values than rivals such as Land Securi-

Vodafone THE MOBILE-phone leader losing market share in a business that is recuiting fewer and fewer subscribers. Of the four mobile-phone companies, Vodulone alone has developed a strong internamarket for shopping centres tional presence. The question

is whether the overseas

growth is enough to offset flagging fortunes at home. Vodasone recruited 1.14 million customers in the last financial year but the net gain was only 415,000, com-pared to 633,000 in the previous year. Wisely, Vodafone is doing little to retain low-margin, consumer customers, but

weak growth rates are a wid-

er problem in a market ap-

proaching saturation levels.

Overseas, Vodafone's investments are making faster progress with their first contribution to group profits and the aim is to convert minority stakes into controlling positions, allowing Vodalone to consolidate profits. The downside is that the price of control rises as the overseas operations become more caught in a two-way pull, and the shares are unlikely to outperform the market until it is clear that the international side has emerged as company's driving force.

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avid Blunkett will today give his first speech as Education and Employment Secretary to a mainstream trade union audience when he talks to the annual conference of the GMB in Brighton.

with jobs and welfare to work as his key themes. Labour's election is bringing the trade unions back in from the cold. John Monks, the TUC general secretary, is back in Downing Street, Labour's new lowpay chief. Professor George Bain, the London Business School principal, is in place on the minimum wage.

But Labour in government will not solve the unions' continuing problems for them. As John Edmonds, the GMB leader, said: "Let us enjoy the election victory. But let us not wallow in it. It must be a spur to effort, not an excuse for relaxation.

When Mr Blunkett has left town, the union's traditional seaside jamboree will go into private session - to discuss its finances, its structures and its prospects. In common with most other trade unions, these do not look rosy for the GMB. Union membership and finances have declined sharply since Labour was last in power. in 1979, overall union membership stood at more than 13 million, and rising, Now it is seven million, and falling.

At a Question Time-style event at the GMB on Monday evening. chaired by Vincent Hanna, the broadcaster, union members uneasy about the Blair administration voiced their concerns about why the Government was not doing more - more on the minimum wage, more on union

Fossil warning has unions digging deeper to boost recruitment

recognition. Angela Eagle, the Environment Minister and a former union researcher, batted the party line: government for the whole country, not particular groups; fairness not favours.

But the stark reality of the unions' position, and the reason why they will have only a fair rather than a disproportionate influence on the new Government, is spelt out plainly. almost brutally, in an internal GMB strategy study on the changing shape of the UK labour market, and the unions' chances in the face of them.

The unpublished paper, Changing Job Patterns and GMB Recruitment Prospects, says plainly that since 1979, when Labour was last in power. "the UK labour force has grown, by more than two million. But GMB membership has nearly halved".

Even on the "probably exaggerated" membership estimates then of around 1.4 million, with the true membership probably closer to 1.2 million, the decline has been shattering: membership at the start of this year was down to around 715,000. The changing pattern of employ-

ment has hit us hard," the study admits, Falls in manufacturing jobs, the privatisation of the utilities, the union being "poorly placed" in the race to recruit in sectors such as banking and insurance all took their toll.

The document says: "Were it not for the traditional GMB strength in public services, and the relatively stable share that non-marketed services such as local government and the NHS have taken in total employment since 1979, GMB membership might have sunk like a stone."

wen after taking account of the membership boosts that mergers with six separate unions have given it since 1979, the precise figures are startling: a 45 per cent fall in construction membership, a 50 per cent drop in primary industries such as coal and power and a 64 per cent plunge in manufacturing - down from \$70,000 to just 315,000. Even in public services, the area of some strength, the drop has been 29 per

Only in husiness and miscellaneous services has there been an increase - up from 5,000 in 1979 to

Even the advent of a Labour Government looks unlikely to change the expected pattern of jobs, and so of union membership. As the GMB document says: The forecasts are that the labour force will grow by a further one million over the next ten years. Clearly the expanding labour force is no guarantee of growth in GMB membership." The study draws on employment forecasts compiled by the widely respected Institute for Employment Research at Warwick University to look at where job growth is likely to he, and what the unions can do to keep up with the

GMB leaders are trying to focus

the pattern deplayed with considerable success by unions in the United States. Andy Stern, of the SEIU public service union in America. impressed the GMB conference this week with talk of, how in a declining market, his union has doubled its size since the mid-1980s.

Stern's union now spends half its total budget on recruitment. He says: "Decisions you make about organising are far more important than the general election decision on May I. It is no good waiting for the pendulum to swing back towards unions: you must get out there and do it."

After 18 years without a Labour Government, Britain's unions are unlikely to dismiss so brusquely Labour's election victory. But they are now targeting recruitment; the GMB is setting aside \$500,000 this year - just over 1 per cent of the union's spending - for a recruitment fund to finance new officials on shortterm contracts to boost membership.

The GMB has a long way to go and, on these issues, it is better placed than others. As Andy Stern says: "Organising is about survival. It is a question of fossilise or change. Or as John Edmonds says: "After the Labour victory, the whole of Britain expects a resurgence of trade unionism. We must not disappoint them." But he adds. "We have a future to make - and we have to make it

PHILIP BASSETT

people to work with him, it has

ended in tears. The most

famous falling-out was with

Terry Venables, the football

manager, who joined with

Sugar to buy Spurs. When

Sugar fired Venables in May

1993, the legal fall-out took the

two into the High Court, with

accusations of "bungs" and

problems with transfers, and

has ended with Venables

being investigated by the De-

partment for Trade and Indus-

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David Rogers from Philips as

managing director. The BBC

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in an uneasy relationship, and

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Now Norman Becker, the

chief executive of Betacom,

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YNOHTKA HARRIS

Emu: how the **Americans** don't see it

ionel Jospin has done something more starling than winning an election against the expectations of the London market: he has made American business fleetingly aware of the EMU project. It is worried not about a hard euro, but a soft one - known here as a marshmallow euro". This fear surfaced after the first round of the French elections: a soft euro, as the Journal of Commerce reported on its front page, might give European exporters an edge over the Americans. Hardly panie in the streets, admittedly, indeed, I doubt if the industrialists who were quoted had given the matter a thought until some bright spark at the Journal posed the question. But at least it made the

front page for a day. Now, with Jospin's big win, there is growing hope that EMU may not happen at all. And if it does, it will surely come unstuck. because the bank computers that must make it work will have crashed. The US. in other words, is obsessed with the computer 2000 problem. This glitch may be more intractable here than in Europe, because many American mainframes are older. They were programmed in the days when memory was expensive, and it is now very hard to find the programing veterans who can remember how the old, compact system worked. Some are enjoying an

But even when EMU looked workable, the great project rated hardly even a down-page mention. It was regarded as a purely European concern: and the Amercomfortable with the idea of Euro-sclerosis. If Mercedes-Benz, the enitome of Teutonic thoroughness, opens a

unexpectedly lucrative

cheap consumer electronics. nothing fancy, mind, and plant in Alabama - of all nothing too high-tech. Betacom will take on the red-neck states - as it did Amstrad brand name and, in last week, then operating conditions on the Continent time, may change its name to must be pretty terrible. Britain, they are aware, is rather find himself attempting to run different, after Mrs Thatcha company where Sugar is er's Reaganite revolution: chairman, the largest shareand Tony Blair is fascinating in his own right. Hey. they have their own Bill than a few opinionated footballers and a legal action to Clinton! But the rest, as seen distract him - not exactly a from here, is history.

("Here" because fate brought me briefly back to Washington during the new French revolution.) Washington itself, of

course, is a world apart (a world known everywhere else as "inside the Beltway"): here politics - even foreign polities - is the only topic. The indefatigable Fred Bergsten's Institute International Economics has addressed the insiders in a whole series of briefs and seminars. They have been trying hard to stifle their yawns; but they are still hardly engaged with the foreign policy works are in favour, if EMU helps to unite Europe, as its proponent claim, it must be a Good Thing (even if Americans do remember a terrible civil war within one currency zone). Professional economists are less impressed: 'They're crazy!" one snorted. "How can you have a curreney without a Government?" Well, there was the cowrie shell; but it is a good question, as M Jospin would no doubt agree.

ne aspect that nobody mentions, for or against, is the mainly French idea of a strong euro to "stand up to the dollar". For Americans the dollar is simply a fact. It may sometimes be a problem: but a threat? The idea seems absurd, even to an international economist who is quite euro-friendly. "It is simply a non-issue", he told me. Indeed. it is. In this country. Donald McDougall wrote a book on the dollar shortage just as it was becoming a dollar glut, and took years to live it down. But the French idea of the almost exactly the same vintage, seems to have discovered the secret of life after death. Odd. that.

P.S. But not, perhaps, as odd as the first thing I heard on returning: John Major warning that a soft euro would be at the mercy of the markets. Can he really imagine, after nine crisisridden years in office, that any currency is not at the mercy of the markets? The EMÚ idea seems to breed fantasy even in its opponents.

Sugar the reluctant computer guru is returning to his roots

Jason Nissé on a radical

restructuring that will see

the Amstrad name dropped

lan Sugar has never been comfortable with technology. The Essex man (though he was born in Hackney 50 years ago) started by selling car aerials out of the back of a van. He epitomised the 1980s Thatcher go-getter culture, bought Tottenham Hotspur at the height became a convert to new Labour, being appointed Tony Blair's ambassador to schools, educating the new generation on business. En route he has amassed a fortune of more

than £200 million. But Sugar was always a reluctant computer guru. His idea of making cheap word processors mushroomed in the late 1980s into a billion pound business selling personal com-Before the faults started appearing in his PC2386 and PC2286 units. Amstrad had two thirds of the home computer market in the UK and was making profits of £160 million a year. Now Sugar is shedding the technology and going back to his

His technophobia was never better shown than in the BBC documentary about Sugar two years ago. Challenged by a minion to set up a companywide e-mail system, he was dismissive. When pressed. Sugar turned on the man, saying: "I'll tell you what I'll do. I'll send you your salary by electronic mail.

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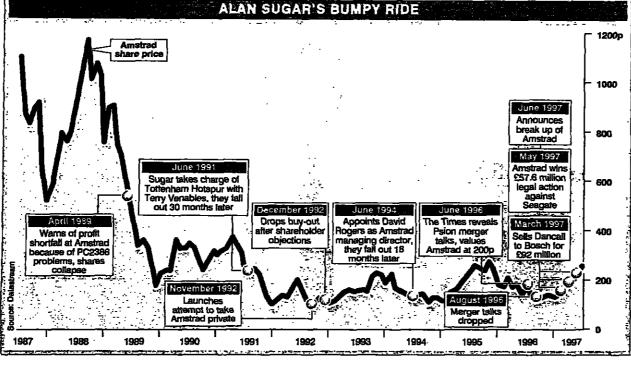
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when The Times revealed that Sugar was talking to David Potter of Psion about a merger, the City was full of praise for the innovation of Psion and wondered why it wanted Amstrad. The merger, which would have involved Psion taking over Amstrad for £250 million in shares, fell apart. When asked what he would do. Sugar said he'd slick back his hair and change his name to Dan Wagner, a reference to the youthful boss of the highflying MAID. What he actualdid was set about

vindicating his position.
Sugar sold Dancall, the Danish mobile-phone business he bought out of receivership for £93 million, to Bosch. The deal surprised analysts, who had the business valued at less than £50 million. At the time he commented: "I always said it was worth a lot. No one believed me." He then won his legal action against Seagate, Yesterday's deal was Sug- maker of the disk drives for

computers, and is now seeking a similar settlement from the other supplier. Western Digital, "Who knows where this company would have been if this problem had not happened." was Sugar's view. Now he can hand out £163

million of cash, float Viglen for £140 million ("I've never had anything to do with the management that why it's done so well," says Sugar), pursue the legal actions in a separate trust and concentrate on turning tiny Betacom into the new Amstrad. The overall value of the restructured company is about £400 million, making Sugar's 34 per cent holding

worth about £140 million. Better than getting the money — and Sugar believes that making money is the ultimate measure of a good businessman - the deal proves Sugar was right. "I'd like to thank BZW and Charterhouse Bank for advising their clients so well, they've done me a great fa-

vour," he said. BZW and Charterhouse were the merchant banks acting for Psion. Sugar has always believed

that the market undervalued Amstrad. In 1992, frustrated by the company's low rating, he attempted to take it private. A shareholder ginger group led by Gideon Fiegel, a small investor from north London, blocked the deal. It took threeand-a-half years for the share price to recover to what Sugar was prepared to offer.

ugar has never been one to shy away from publicity. He drives a Rolls-Royce with the number place AMSI. He has a 160ft yacht, Louisiana, which is available on charter at £107,000 a week. His property interests include the building that houses the Hard Rock Café in Mayfair.

Nor is he one to shy away from an argument. Sugar speaks his mind about his business, often causing em-

emy, it seems. And there is a

barrassment and ruffled feathers - as he did this year when he claimed prematurely that he was about to be given a large contract by BSkyB. which is 40 per cent owned by News International, owner of The Times. As chairman of Spurs he is often quoted on the level of player wages or the lovalty of foreign imports. famously saying he would use the shirt worn by former Spurs star Jürgen Klinsmann to wash his car.

Asked yesterday if he would be giving any of his cash to Spurs, he said: "They've got enough already." He then broke off from Amstrad to launch into a diatribe about Teddy Sheringham, the Spurs striker and scorer of England's second goal against Poland on Saturday, who had the temerity to ask for a transfer. He can go if he wants," Sugar

For Sugar loyalty means agreeing with the boss. He has always run businesses himself

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walking on the Moon. "I was very lucky, I had the most fantastic weather on are virtually package tours summit day, having had awful weather in May - not a cloud in the whole of Asia as far as I could see."

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● SHOULD you be planning a serious pensions heist, this week looks a good time for it. I have invitations to not one but two high-powered conferences that seem to require the personal attendance of virtually every City watchdog. We kick off today with Howard Davies, soon to be head of the Securities and Investments Board, opening a three-day international derivatives conference in London's Inter-Continental Hotel. Across town at the Portman, Richard Farrant, head of the Securities and Futures Authority, and chairman Nick Durlacher will be joined by Michael Blair, QC. from the SIB, and others from Imro at a conference on the future of financial regulation.



You also get Helen Liddell,

OFF to the Royal Academy, for

good turnout of the soon to be merged Guinness and Grand Metropolitan boards. There is, though, one Guinness director invited but missing. What can have kept Bernard Arnault, chairman of LVMH and now trying to kick the Guinness-GrandMet merger apart? "He's never been." insists a source. "Well, maybe once."

• THE really rather charming

Mary Brasier. The Daily Telegraph's European business editor, is the latest experienced City journalist to take off into public relations. Since last summer she has been working on a freelance basis, most recently helping the Action Centre for Europe, a business think-tank, with a report on the single market due out tomorrow. This appears to have been the last straw in two decades of journalism. She is joining Dewe Rogerson as an international director. "I'm not going into PR," she says. Pause. "Well, yes, I am going into PR."

Overboard

CABLE and Wireless, taking a page from the Richard Branson book of corporate promotion, is spending millions on sponsoring a one-boat effort to break the round-the-world

pleted the voyage underwater in 83 days in 1960. The C&W speedboat leaves from Gibraltar next April under the command of Jock Wisart, the sort of gonzo type whose idea of fun is to walk to the North Pole or row solo across the Atlantic. Dick Brown, C&W's American chief executive, told an admiring audience that he might go along for the ride, or at least part of it. He later admitted privately that he would be doing nothing of the kind. No thank you, sir, not Mrs Brown's little boy. Beneath that macho veneer beats the heart of a trembling chicken.

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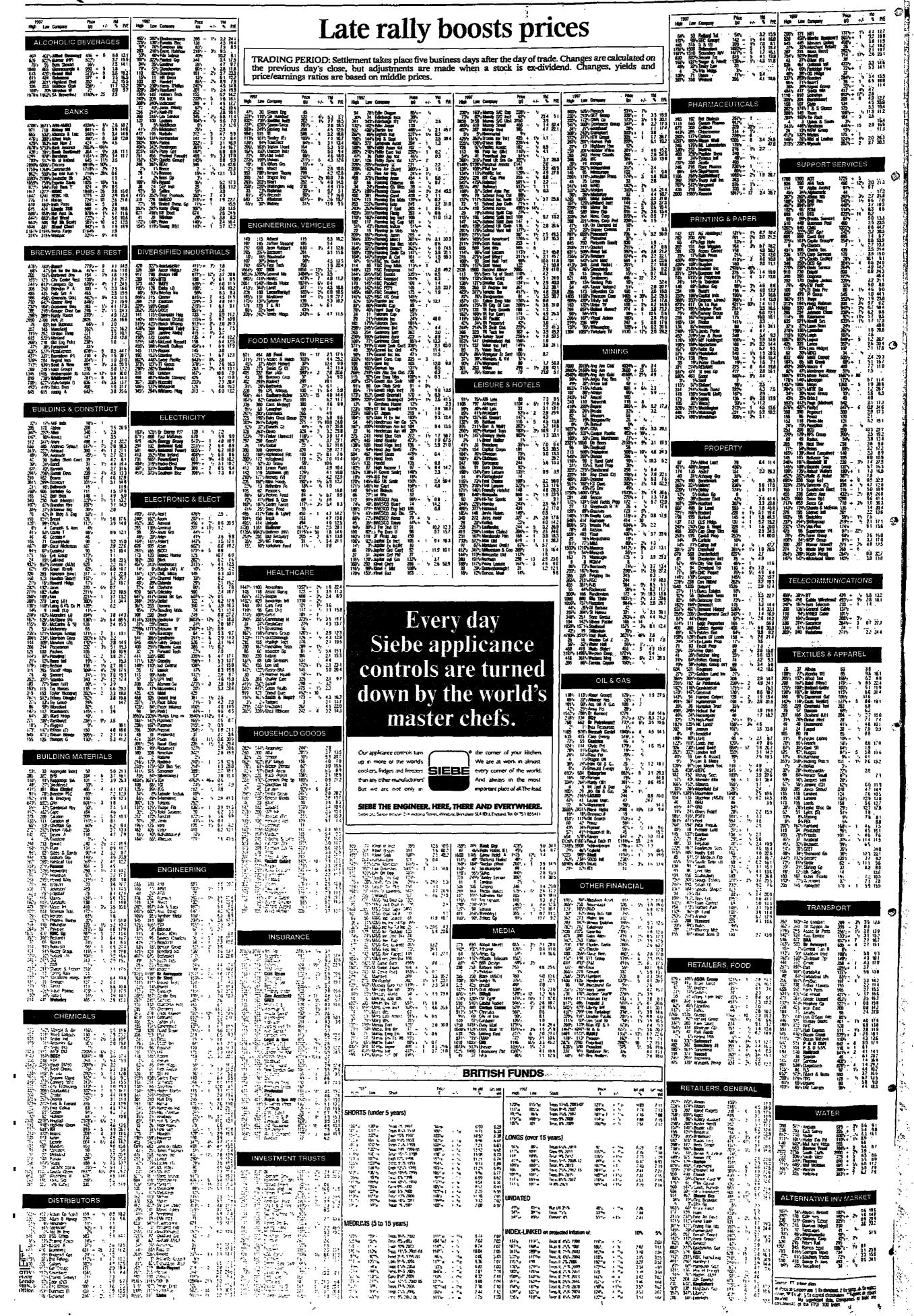


Dick Brown: taking a leaf out of Richard Branson's book

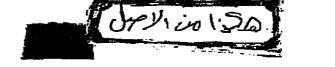
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the Treasury Minister. Seems a pity to sit inside when the weather's so nice. Missing face

the glittering summer exhibition preview that Guinness, as sponsor, puts on each year. An amazing turnout of the great and good; Ken Clarke, Peter Lilley, even Jack Cunningham, Labour's heritage spokesman during the election, when his fondness for and grasp of the fine arts earned him the soubriquet the Member for Philistine East. Sir Anthony Tennant. one-time chairman of Guinness, was there - he is now chairman of the Royal Acad-



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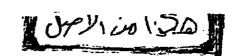
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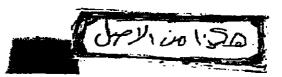
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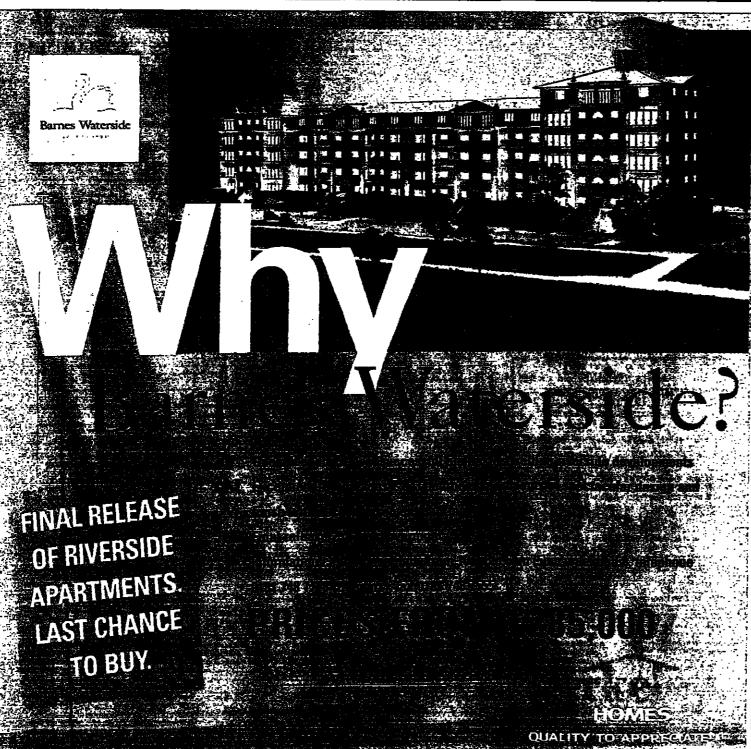
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ore and more people are opting out of the rat race and many of them are investing in a rural lifestyle which comes complete with its own income.

Some have chosen early retirement now that their offspring have fled the nest, while others may have inherited a lump sum or received a redundancy payoff. But anyone seeking such a lifestyle should take professional, independent financial and legal advice before committing themselves and exchanging con-

Running a business, however small, requires commitment, and the working day is invariably long. The differential between gross income and net 'Some

profit is of prime impor-tance. But, for the in-trepid, the choice of opportunities is wide, and many seem reasonably priced.

Some people dream of serving cream teas in the Devon sunshine cream teas from their own thatched contage. The aprly named Rose Cortage in Devon' Tea Garden near Tor-

quay is expected to attract a great deal of interest. But a potential purchaser could be put off in ten acres, two-and-a-half of by the fact that it trades seven days a week for seven months of the

In the pretty village of Cockington, the Grade II, pinkwashed, thatched cottage benefits from a large catchment area through south Devon and is on the market for £385,000 through Robert Kinsman of Chesterton's Exeter office (01392-255441).

He says: There are more than two acres of gardens, plus a patio trading area with a marquee and catering facilities. The landscaped gardens have a pétanque pitch, croquet lawn, fountains and a gift shop. The private accommodation. which includes four bedrooms and three reception rooms, is housed within the cottage and was refurbished two years ago.

The year ending April 30, 1996, showed a turnover of £110,000, giving a net profit of £40,814. The projected turnover for the year ending April 30. 1997, will be more

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than £130,000 following an ex-tremely busy trading year. The current owners of Rose Cottage carry out little advertising and rely heavily on word of mouth."

For those who yearn to re-create a slice of corner-shop living, a small village shop in Willersey, set within a pretty Cotswold stone fourbedroom house, is for sale through the office of Hamptons in Broadway, Worcestershire, at £179,950 (01386 852205).

Willersey Stores serves this thriv-ing north Cotswold village and acts as a village shop and newsagents. The current owners wish to retire but have built the business up to be

run by an active couple. The trading figures are available for inspection at Hamptons.

The house has three reception rooms and a conservatory, which leads to a partially walled, well-stocked rear garden. The shop is approached from the village footpath and has a stone flagged floor.

Cornish agent Miller & Son (01579 344401) seeks £275,000 for

which are given over to the vineyard and winery. Though wine is not being produced, the agent says it has been successfully made in the

There are, however, two holiday cottages which were completed in 1991, each of which is fully furnished and equipped to accommodate two people. Planning permission exists for the building of a further eight letting units and, if these are built, the income potential, according to the agent, is about £00,000 per annum, excluding the vinevard.

The remainder of the land is woodland, grass and shrubland, and the small estate is subject to an agricultural occupancy condition. The modern main house is built in Cornish stone and has a slate roof. There are four bedrooms, three bathrooms and three reception

The artistically inclined may prefer to consider a small antiques



Willersey Stores, in the Cotswolds, a pretty four-bedroom house and village store, is for sale through Hamptons

market, complete with a twobedroom flat, which is for sale in the West Sussex town of Midhurst for £250,000. Established in 1974. the Curfew Antiques Centre was started by the late Irene Brindle-Wood, who converted an early 18thcentury Sussex barn in the old town centre so successfully that the building has since been listed Grade II. The L-shaped building is set around a courtyard called

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important in the busy market town. The local agent, King & Chasemore (01730 812456), has trading details and the premises could be adapted to other purposes subject to planning consent.

A more conventional purchase would be a detached village residence called Clarets in the small hamlet of Duton Hill in Essex, three miles from Great Dunmow. The attractive, half-timbered house is for sale through Mullucks Wells (01279 755400) in Bishop's Stortford

parking for three cars which is for £179,000. Not only is this a successful B&B establishment, but it also has a post office counter open for 15 hours each week. The front door leads to the tiny post office and through to the main body of the house, which has two reception

rooms and three bedrooms. There is an annexe designed to be run as a B&B business, which has a separate front door. There are two self-contained bedroom suites with ensuite bathrooms and television. The agent, Tony Mullucks, will supply business details.

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THE CRUNDELS, an award-winning vineyard in Astley, Worcestershire, is for-sale through the Worcester sale through the worcester office of Humberts at a guide price of £325,000. The house was built in 1964 and has a separate flat used as a holiday let. There are also outbuildings including former stables, a tennis court and a swimming pool. The and a swimming pool. The vineyard, of about five acres. was created in 1979.

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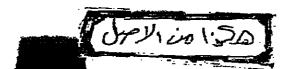
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t is the most controversial restoration of the decade. William the Conqueror's mighty castle at Falaise in Normandy has a new barbican in dark concrete and stainless steel. and a roof of whitest Teflon. If Jocelyn Stevens had done such a thing to a Norman keep in the care of English Heritage, his head would have been demanded on a platter by the president of the Society of Antiquaries — and delivered. Today the keep at Falaise could be a set for Star

Wars, with Darth Vader as its new liege lord. French intellectuals are incensed. The architecte-en-chef entrusted with the works. Bruno Decaris, I was told, had been transferred from Calvados to new duties in Burgundy. The society Aimez Falaise has issued pro-ceedings against him for not obtaining planning permission for the

works; it seems that the Commission supérieure des monuments historiques thought it was exempt from such trifles.

Our very own Edward Impey, from the Tower of London, has sallied resoundingly into the fray, savaging Decaris for building a "grosses Blockhaus" and treating the keep not as an historic monument but as "a means of personal expression", and introducing glass and steel "airport style" inside.

Falaise is one of the great succession of near-impregnable stone donjons or keeps erected by the Conqueror and his immediate and English territories. The donjon at Falaise was actually built in 1123 by William's younger son Henry I of England, within his father's fortified enceinte.

Since Henry IV of France took the castle in 1590, the keep has stood a gutted shell, with bare walls

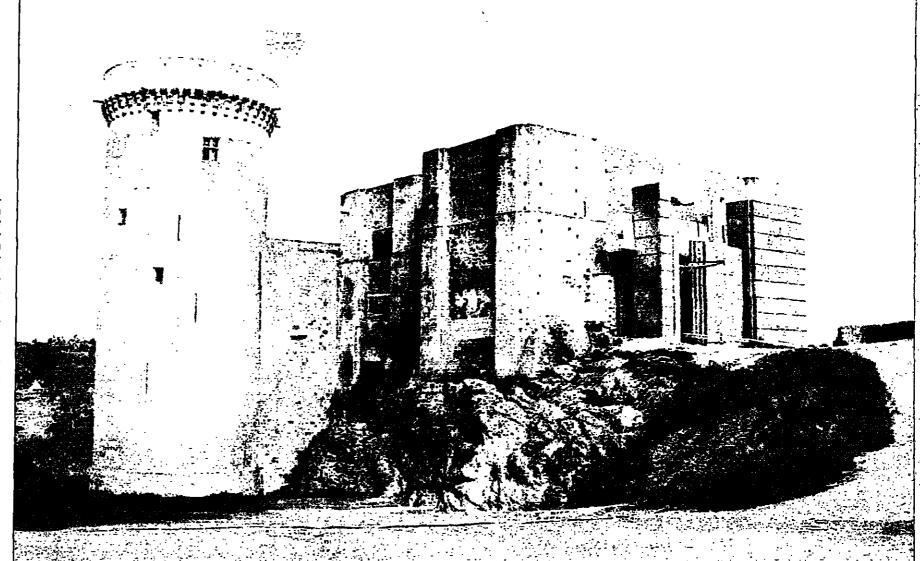
ascending to the sky, latterly inaccessible to all. Decaris's approach is a simple one - to recreate the main internal spaces of the Norman keep, using visibly modern materials. The walls of these Norman keeps were so massively thick that at upper levels they were threaded through with passages and stairs. Often you can only glimpse these from the ground. At Falaise you now have the run of

According to Charles Bowden, the English guide working at the castle, the formidable surprise of the new interior enthrals many visitors. Step through the highlevel Norman doorway and you are walking on glass. Adults inch forward. Children jump. A transparent modern-day parquet à la francaise dramatically reveals how high above the ground the great Norman hall stood.

Decaris explains: "The floors had disappeared, the whole structure was difficult to understand." He felt it was important to put back a roof, so the medieval windows play their proper role, with deep reveals glowing as a shaft of sun shines through. The new lightweight roof is a fibreglass structure covered in Teflon. "I showed the model to a French engineer who said it couldn't be done." So Decaris went to the late Peter Rice (the RIBA gold medallist), who worked it out in a

Decaris wanted to express the -keep's dual role as fortress and grey for the defensive elements and blue for the inside of the room. It had to be done in an abstract way, for we knew no details and I did not

want to copy or invent." he says. Window shutters and large hinges are traditionally propor-tioned but in galvanised steel. The



William the Conqueror's castle with Bruno Decaris's modern keep: "It had to be done in an abstract way, for we knew no details and I did not want to copy or invent"

windows are not leaded lights, but large sheets of clear glass etched with a simple geometric pattern. A reconstructed spiral staircase now has a plain tubular bronze handrail. Lamps on the stairs are shaped like flaming torches but inset with electric bulbs.

In the slit windows, he has enraged purists by introducing a simple metal gauze. "We had a problem with birds. Without the been filthy in a few weeks."

One big innovation is underfloor heating, allowing the keep to be open and used for events all the year. "This last winter we had periods of minus IOC and the castle was very pleasant inside," he says. The great French King Philip

Augustus, who took Falaise in 1204. five years after the death of his arch-rival Richard the Lionheart. added a new, still higher defensive circular tower beside the keep. This was clearly a place of last resort as it had no independent outside

hanks to Decaris you now ascend all the way to the top. He has added a new irapet above the mach colations. "It's two metres high as I did not want the heads of the public to be visible from below, so we have made small portholes to open up the view," he says.

Look down between the machicolations, and yet again you are standing on air — on a metal

grille, 100ft or more above the should have the guts to stand by ground, ready to rain missiles or boiling oil on the attackers below.

The fiercest criticism centres on the new, dark grey barbican or avant-corps. Decaris came to study Norman keeps in England, notably Castle Rising. "Barbicans were complicated internally, intended to disorientate an attacker. I have designed it to give a sense of its defensive purpose," he says.

ו יצבעו תו : was asked by the then Mayor of Falaise to produce "a very strong project". In the Mairie the town clerk told me that he hoped that the keep would do for Falaise what the pyramid has done for the Louvre. Like it or not. Decaris has been true to his brief.

I think the authorities in Paris

their architect and finish the job properly. The dark concrete is actually the same tone as the weathered stone at the base of the

Instead panic has put a halt on all work. The new drawbridge (galvanised steel of course) is not working and is pathetically weighted down with a rough concrete block. The lift for the disabled, designed to hi within the barbican. has yet to be installed. Because the site has not been tidied up, visitors are bringing in gravel and grit on their shoes and scratching the clear

Decaris had the foresight to put a sacrificial glass sheet over the thicker, bullet-proof glass below. but then to allow the new surface to be damaged is sheer sloppiness. This is a restoration (the French

refer more appropriately to an "intervention") which opens a new door on the display of ancient sites. It brings hope for magnificent donjons such as Beaugency on the Loire, where the key has seemingly been thrown away.

Mistakes have been made at Falaise, notably blasting a horrific new emergency exit through the lower walls to comply with safety regulations. But taken as a whole. this is not caprice but a sincere, pioneering and intensely provoking exercise, which turns a frozenantiquity back into a major work of architecture which all can now experience at close quarters.

Frames from a life lived on the hoof

FILM: Christopher Bowen on

Martin Sherman's fascination

with the world of dance

Tor a man who trades so successfully in the spo-ken word, the awardwinning playwright Martin Sherman appears to be curiously obsessed by the mute world of dance. A Cuban dancer was the protagonist in an early Sherman script for the BBC, one of the leading characters in the 1979 Bent his most famous play - is also a dancer, and in 1990 he celebrated the life of Isadora Duncan in When She Danced. On Friday Alive and Kicking, a film set in a contemporary British dance company and Sherman's first original screenplay, opens in London. It is enough to make you wonder if the writer's artistic bent did not take a wrong turn somewhere.

"I guess I am fascinated by dance." says Sherman. "And deep, deep down, maybe I once wanted to be a dancer. Though a large part of me is glad I'm not, it's such a difficult, short life. I know a lot of dancers, so I've lived through their lives, their pain, their happiness."

Born in Philadelphia, Sherman says he was "terribly spoilt by the dance education he received as a young man in New York. "I grew up with

Balanchine and New York City Ballet. I caught the last years of Balanchine's great personality dancers - Allegra Kent. Jacques d'Amboise, Voilette Verdy, Edward Villella - before a certain anonymity started to creep over

the company."
So it is little wonder that Sherman naturally gravitated" rowards dancers when he began working in the theatre. "Interestingly, though," he says, "most of my friends are not famous dancers. They are people who suffer the sweat and pain without the obvious rewards of acclaim, which bizarrely — they don't regret for a moment. I find that dedication fascinating." Bizarre or not, it is a world

which Sherman and director Nancy Meckler bring to the screen in Alive and Kicking, the story of Tonio, a flamboyant HIV-positive dancer (played by Jason Flemyng) who falls for Aids counsellor Jack (Antony Sher). Though the often turbulent relationship between the two men and the film's very positive ap-proach to living with Aids lie at the heart of the piece, the largely convincing portrayal of life in a dance company also

comes as a small revelation.



Camp followers: Antony Sher as Jack (left) and Jason Flemyng as Tonio in Alive and Kicking

After all, the world's film archives are not overburdened with telling backstage ballet biopics. From Moira Shearer in The Red Shoes and Fred Astaire in Shall We Dance?. to Anne Bancroft's ageing ballerina in The Turning Point and Joan Collins's maneating ballet director in the appropriately entitled Nut-cracker, film directors and screenwriters invariably seem to dust down the cliches when the cameras start rolling on a

Sherman will not be drawn on comparisons between Alive and Kicking and others of the genre, though he wonders why so few feature prominent gay characters. While he acknowledges that dance and ballet companies are a good deal straighter than most people outside the profession might imagine, "the other

"I may be criticised for presenting the cliché of the gay dancer. But if it's such a cliché, why hasn't it been filmed? For

truth is there," he says.

something that's supposed to be an oft-told tale, it's never been told in cinema."

Not so in Alive and Kicking. 'Queers made my company,' proclaims Dorothy Tunn's Luna, matriarchal founder of the film's fictitious ensemble (though since she is experiencing the onset of Alzheimer's, she cannot quite remember what they made it). But true to form, alternative sexualities remain well represented with-

in the ranks of Ballet Luna. The somewhat dated camp-

the film might strike audiences as unrealistically "luvvie". Yet, according to members of the cast, many of whom were drawn from the dance world, the camp stereo-

type reflects reality. The college I trained at had a principal very much like Luna," says Aiden Waters, who plays Vincent, Tonio's partner in the film's closing dance, a steamy duet, circa 1950, entitled Indian Summer. She was very camp and think figures like that inspire flamboyant behaviour. Characters like her are dotted through the profession."

"It's always difficult to reflect the whole dance com-munity," says another of the cast, the dancer Gary Lambert. "But I felt it was a pretty accurate picture of a certain

type of company."
"One thing that certainly rings true is the sense of ensemble that we achieved through two weeks of rehearsing together," says Flemyng. The whole film is pretty physical - people draping themselves over each other all the time, which is pretty much what it's like among friends in

a dance company. A real rapport can exist. I know this sounds sickeningly cosy, but that was the world Nancy and Martin created with this company. It isn't something you can fake, and I think it shows. Alive and Kicking opens on

GREAT BRITISH HOPES

Rising stars in the arts firmament

DORRY HUGHES

Age: 16, and still studying piano and violin at the Yehudi Menuhin School.

Profession-elect: A compos er in the making. Her Nakuru, a six-minute trio for two violins and piano, was premiered on Sunday at the Dance, "It's a sad, poignant piece, with the two violins reographer gave it the title, because it reminded him of

Queen Elizabeth Hall as part of the BT Festival of intermingling and singing together, and the piano pro-viding the texture. The chothe flamingos on the African

lake." Dorry was the page-turner on Sunday for her friends Sun Mi Chang and Marine Bkhian (violins) and Alexis White (piano).

Has she always composed? "Yes, right from the start, but I just used to make it up at the piano. Never wrote anything down until I had to for GCSEs! I still find the chords and the harmony by improvising at the piano." Her teacher. Malcolm Singer, liked the piece and sent it off to Focus on Dance, a group who had visited the Menuhin School.

What inspires her? "Often a poem. And the movement of human bodies in dance, which is more abstract."

Influences, mentors: Her father, Jim Hughes, who composes songs for musicals. Also Ravel and French chamber music, and Schubert.

What next? "I'd like to write more dance music. I'm working now on a new piece for string orchestra. Eventually I'd like to work in an ensemble, playing music for dance or the theatre." What does she do in her time off? "I love reading 19thcentury novels, especially George Eliot and the Brontes. And poetry. Oh, sorry, I've got to dash for French . . ."

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OPERA

Despite its financial woes, English National Opera unveils a brave new season



■ MUSIC 1

At the Bath Festival the pianist Imogen Cooper essays a little cabaret français





■ MUSIC 2

... and the explosive percussion music of lannis Xenakis shakes the Guildhall



MUSIC 3

... while in London the virtuoso violinist Midori pushes her technique to the limit.

Fun and games at the Coliseum

ven the most entan-gled operatic plots are easier to follow than the latest backstage and boardroom scenarios at London's two opera houses, Inside the Royal Opera House, where the Arts Council's Mary Allen is to be installed as chief executive in place of Genista McIntosh. much deconstruction is still needed to get to the bottom of what looks like an Establishment stitch-up. Across WC2 at the Coliseum, English National Opera has for some time been threatening to come unstitched, and the announcement of next season's plans gives less than complete reassurance that the company is steering the right artistic course under Dennis Marks's general directorship.

"Announcement" is perhaps too strong a word for plans that yesterday plopped onto the doormats of ENO's subscribers and the press. The annual press conference at which plans are traditionally unveiled was for unknown reasons not called, giving rise to speculation about which uncomfortable questions the Marks regime was trying to avoid. Perhaps ENO simply burnt its fingers at the press briefing in January at which it outlined grandiose schemes for a new home - it plainly hadn't expected such a negative reaction - but there are undoubtedly other issues the management would rather not see aired. One must be the recent scrapping of a general percentage pay rise to staff. who are, unsurprisingly, said

to be furious. This sotto voce approach is all the stranger given that there is good news in the 1997-98 season. Eight of the 17 productions are new, and they include works that tend to be in the repertory more in theory than in practice. So although the emphasis is on "standard" operas, it is a little unfair to dismiss the season as almost all "repertory" when it includes new stagings of II trittico (produced by Patrick picture of a Coliseum in which

OPERA: **John Allison** previews the new season at English National

Opera, and talks to the men behind it

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Mason) and The Tales of Hoffmann (Graham Vick). Puccini's perfectly balanced triptych has not been seen complete in London for several decades, and Offenbach's masterpiece is being per-formed here for the first time from Michael Kaye's new critical edition. It's strongly cast, too, with John Tomlinson singing the four incarnations of evil.

The best news of all, that Paul Daniel is now poised to take up his position as music director, is curious-

ly under-trumpeted. He comes with an impressive track record from think arts Opera North, and sees the appointfunding ment as a return home. "I grew up should be with this company, it formed my idea run this of what good opera can be, and it's the way? No 9 blueprint I've taken elsewhere." If

there are disagreements between him and Marks as to how the company should be run, he wasn't giving anything away at this joint Marks-Daniel interview.

Daniel arrives after an 18month period in which ENO has been without a music director. His predecessor was Sian Edwards, operatically inexperienced but a capable conductor who was used as a scapegoat during the upheav-als that followed Marks's arrival. True, Marks himself inherited big artistic and financial headaches from the Powerhouse team - his predecessor Peter Jonas appeared towards the end to be operating a "scorched earth" policy - but he created several more of his own. He has adopted a and in interview paints a there are no serious disputes, and of singers' agents who are always understanding when contracts are cancelled.

But one has to listen when Marks talks about what audiences want, because he has successfully turned around falling attendance levels. He defends next season's revivals of core repertory like Tosca, with which the company opens on September 6, Cosi fan tutte, The Magic Flute, La simply on the ground that they

still seem to fill the 2.300-seat Coliseum. "The palates of critics, who see three, four or five operas a week, are inevitably more saturated than the palates of the 350,000 people who come here every year. At The Magic Flute two years ago we conducted an audience survey and found

not seen the Flute before, but that 40 per cent had not previously been to an opera." For those who thought that The Mikado had finally been retired, it too makes a return as one of just two Jonathan Miller productions. Another old show worth seeing again is the Hytner staging of Xerxes. Newer productions returning include Eugene Onegin but also the gag-driven Fairy Queen, of which one outing was quite enough. The post-Powerhouse ENO has still to

that not only had the majority

durable productions. Only one modern piece features in the main St Martin's Lane season, though of course the Contemporary Opera Studio will still toil away over in Hackney. Gavin Bryars's Doctor Ox's Experiment, shift-

build up a stock of its own

ed out of the current season, will now be premiered next fashionable Canadian filmmaker Atom Egoyan. Last November's Die Soldaten apart, the other new productions are more interesting than of late: The Flying Dutchman staged by Stein Winge, with Willard White: Janáček's From the House of the Dead directed by Tim Albery: Falstaff in the recent Opera North Warchus; Massenet's Manon in a production by David McVicar with Rosa Mannion singing the lead; and an Elixir of Love from Jude Kelly, who may well find a way of Donizetti's intimate work at the Coliseum.

aniel conducts several of the new shows, including September's Dutchman. "Some of the programming may look quite selfish, but I want to make a strong connection with the company as a whole, and there's a lot of new work that gives me the opportunity to get close to the chorus." And Marks adds: "This repertory is designed to exploit the talents of the ENO ensemble, which is steadily growing: we've got Sarah Connolly, Margaret Richardson and Riccardo Simonetti joining the company as principals."

What has been lost? Parsifal is now promised for 1998-99, and plans are still afoot for a Hackney Empire season in-cluding Handel's Agrippina with Lesley Garrett, and Weill's Lost in the Stars. Cuts have been made to qualify for the Arts Council's Orwellian "stabilisation programme". devised by none other than Mary Allen. Marks speaks up for it wearily: "Do I like it? No. I don't. Do I think that arts funding in this country should be run this way? No. I don't. But in the meantime we've got to learn through it - and to say to the new Government, you've probably got the one last chance to help the arts."



ENO's new music director, Paul Daniel: "This company formed my idea of good opera"

Perfectly formed

A VAST crowd of her compatriots had assembled to support Midori in her recital at the Barbican Hall. There were tiny children, too, for Midori is the Peter Pan of the violin, the child-adult, the prodigy turned grown-up. Those who hang on to her every note will have found plenty to hang on to on Saturday night.

At the compelling centre of the evening was George Enescu's Third Sonata, an extraordinary fantasia on Romanian gypsy music inextri-cably meshed with Enescu's

RECITAL

Midori Barbican

own responses to both the Eastern and Western European classical traditions. There is nothing Midori likes better than to push herself to the very limit, and when she is playing this music, with its volatile dynamic fluctuations, its minute and melancholy pitch variations, and its extravagant figuration and ornamentation, there is nothing, t seems, she would rather be doing in the whole world.

The same could not be said of her Schubert. The A major Sonata, D574, was meticulously steered sound, rather than song: the first movement was numb at its centre, and the finale strangely joyless. But Midori was in fine fettle

for Kreisler's Praeludium and Allegro after Pugnani, a fearless Baroque hoax, whose four-square tonality and rhythmic artifice drew equally confident and thrillingly true playing from Midori and her accompanist Robert McDonald. McDonald could have etched out more clearly the piano writing in the turbulent second movement of Cesar Franck's Sonata, Instead, it hurtled along with little more than raw animal energy.

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WITH Iannis Xenakis it seems to be a matter of luck. In several Bath Festival concerts in which he was the featured composer there was this remarkable distinction between the extremes of good and bad. The failures might easily have been successes, you felt, if only it had not been for some small but basic miscalculation the kind of thing which made his Kai turn out like crudely abused Messiaen and his Mists go spiralling beyond

comprehension.
In the Guildhall concert in which Kai was performed by the excellent Reservoir ensemble the opposite extreme was represented by Palimpsest. A brilliant study in the conflict and resolution of forces released from not quite synchronised instrumental sources, Palimpsest is so well calculated as to generate highvoltage, irresistible rhythmic energy. There is a similar impression of spontaneity in the plano piece Evryali, which Rolf Hind played in the same programme as the incomprehensible Mists and which he proved to be a true keyboard

inspiration Among the younger British composers featured, one of the most interesting was Alwynne Pritchard. Her intriguingly scored Craw, written for Reservoir, was clearly dictated by the car rather than by formula and had a corresponding aural appeal in its delicate colouring and sensitive applications of dynamic pressure. And in Hind's recital you could only be impressed by Simon Holt's initially problematic and ultimately beautilul Nieredo.

For X-philes only

The Guildhall concert by Les Ateliers UPIC began with an absurdist degree ceremony to confer an honorary doctorate of music on Xenakis, founder of Les Ateliers UPIC. Xenakis went through with like the hero he is but that

was only the first problem of a generally ill-conceived evening. Most of the others related to the inescapable and predictable fact that the Guildhall concert room is far too small for percussion music. From the first sound of Xenakis's explosive Rebonds we knew we were in for trouble. But that was nothing in comparison with Brigitte Robindore's Comme etrangers et wiyageurs sur la terre. Originally scored for one percussionist and tape, it has been revised, to satisfy "metaphysical" requirements, for two percussionists and tape. But it was hard to concentrate on metaphysics when my eardrums were being drilled by the hundred things percossionists can do with a tam-

Having by then heard the festival commission. Xenakis's EROD for pre-recorded tape, many understandably fled for safety. Those who stayed were rewarded by another Xenakis piece for tape solo, S.700, together with inscrutable but relatively painless works by David Revill and Takehito Shimaza. The one truly musically inspired item, in which the brilliant UPIC percussionist Roland Auzet so spontaneously interacted with the

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accompanying tape, was the last, Pierre Bernard's Kiran. After that, the one thing we did not want was another

percussion concert. But, unbe-

lievably, another percussion

concert was being offered as a

late-night diversion in the Pavilion. The alternative was a Cabaret Français! in the Pump Room. In fact a concert by planists Imogen Cooper and Anne Queffelec, it was a very welcome refuge and a healing experience, thanks not least to Juanita Lascarro, soprano soloist in songs by Honegger and Ravel.

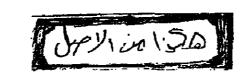


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David Bowie Hanover Grand, WI

West End club. Neither the folksy style nor sad sentiment of the song could have been less representative of what was to follow.

True, there was a smattering of old numbers, including Scary Monsters and Fashion, and a finale of Jean Genie. Oveen Bitch and Fame that was dispensed in much the same way as a biscuit might be given to reward a dog for good behaviour. But the emphasis of the set - which was played at crushing volume with a bias towards bass frequencies that bordered on the surreal - was squarely on the more challenging, danceorientated material from Bowie's most recent albums, Earthling and Outside.

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"Whether dishing out pell-mell jungle rhythms or elephant-walk thump, David Bowie shows no hint of softness"

Battle for Britain and Little Hallo Spaceboy. during Wonder, or the elephant-walk thump of Seven Years In Tibet, neither Bowie nor his shock-trooper band showed any hint of sentimentality or softness. The spectacular energy level was maintained as they worked their way towards a thunderous climax on

which Reeves Gabrels seemed to deploy his guitar more as a sonic stun gun than a musical instrument.

If nothing else this first, impressive part of the gig underlined the point that Bowie has retained a creative initiative and performing vig-

our that are rare indeed among artists of his vintage. Unfortunately, he couldn't leave it at that and, after a 20minute break, he led the band back for an additional "dance" set. This was a grim affair which basically involved replacing Zachary Alford with a

drum machine, cranking up

the bass end even louder, and repeating numbers such as Dead Man Walking and V-2 Schneider, only this time shorn of anything that could be interpreted as a tune. The odd thing was that absolutely nobody danced to any of it.

DAVID SINCLAIR

THEATRE: Racing comedy set for the knacker's yard; sub-standard fare from the sub-continent

Rather rank outsiders

Throwaway Theatre Royal, Stratford East

SLICES of East End life are always pitching up at the Theatre Royal: larger-than-life stories that plunder the local streets for inspiration, some of it invention, some of it the honest truth. Danny Miller's story about a Jewish family running a bookie's pitch at the local racecourses never really gives the actors a chance to play with either. When Billy Macey loses his betting

licence for six months because of malpractice it throws the business into financial jeopardy. It's not a large - basically a betting pitch near the finishing post - but it's successful enough to keep both the family and the Firm (Macey's balding

clan of racecourse sidekicks) in jackets and ties. For reasons too complicated to explain here, it is the prodigal son Michael (Ian Dunn), a heroin junkie who hates racing, who provides the legal loophole for the Maceys to do business again.

The drama, such as it is, is limited to arguments between Brian Stephens's nostalgic bully, Billy, Dunn's sullen Michael and Billy's other son, the itchy manipulator Aron (Terence Beesley). Vintage racing memories, entire family trees and the honour of the Maceys are continually invoked, but it is Aron's dirty insider tips that keep the business and the play affoat. Alan Cowan's greasy Spicer supplies a dose of oldfashioned melodrama, with his promises of fixed races and jockeys in the pocket. The rest is men on boxes shouting the odds against a backdrop of giant silk screen prints of crowds,

horses and punters. The occasional one-liner punctuates Kate Williams's plodding production, but the blunt truth is that this is a ropey soap and an outstandingly dul

JAMES CHRISTOPHER

Bored to the bones

Skeleton

THIS odd and unsatisfying play turns out to be based upon a story by Rabindranath Tagore, and the merits of the original are difficult to discern in Tanika Gupta's version of it. Jonathan Lloyd's production — not his best work will be the last full-size event here before the builders move in. The plans are exciting, and in its various homes these past 25 years the Soho Theatre Company has mounted plays of breathtaking imagination, but this is not one of those, even if a skeleton does come to life on stage and a ten-armed goddess hovers above the rooftops.

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Question Two is: what's that skeleton all about? Doting father (Renu Setna) has bought it to help his son's studies, but every night the bones re acquire the flesh of their amorous former owner, Nayani (Mina Anwar). who teases Gopal most dreadfully with her winsome ways, and clearly wants to lure the foolish lad to his death. On the mundane level we are offered

a simple tale of love misprized (although Anju has been waiting for Gopal's rejection so that she can marry someone else, so that's all right, then). On the supramundane level the skeleton-ghost-demon's story of killing herself (and a sequence of husbands) because she does not want to lose her beauty bears no relation to the other

So, while such elements as Nagra's perky spirit and Setna's nervous giggles give some pleasure, the play is pretty much of a mess.

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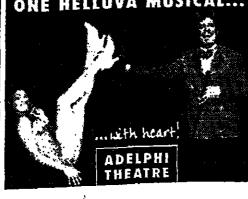
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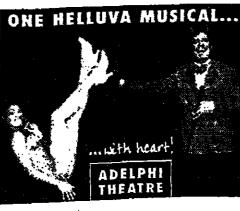
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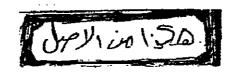
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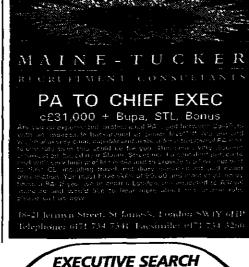
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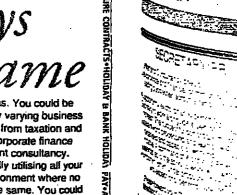
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THERE are only a few treasions in a Ryder Cup year when one can justifiably lift one's gaze from the professional tour, but this week is one of them. Now that 36 holes of strokeplay at Royal Cinque Ports. Deal. and Royal St George's. Sandwich, have whittled the starting field of nearly 300 competitors down in 64, the matchplay stages of the Amateur Championship begin this morning over the distinguished links of Royal St George's. This gives an opportunity to watch men who, in the main, pay to play golf instead of being paid to play.

The Ryder Cup. in September, makes this year a special one for the professionals; it is no less so for the amateurs. because the Walker Cup that was won at Royal Portheawl in 1995 is being defended against the United States at Quaker Ridge. New York Frate, in August. The 1997 Amateur may be one of the most international ever, with players from 23 countries.

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travel to the United States in August. These include the quartet who were regarded as the four best amateurs in the British Isles when they were selected to compete in the Eisenhower Trophy last November - Michael Brooks and Barelay Howard, the Scots, Keith Nolan, of Ireland, and Gary Wolstenholme, of Eng-

Nolan, who is at college in the United States, is not competing here, but Brooks, the son of Andrew Brooks, the

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George's, added a 71 at Royal Cinque Ports to his 76 at St George's for the tidy total of 147. Brooks dropped three strokes early on, but got them back with successive birdies at the 15th, 16th and 17th, Brooks was one stroke ahead of Howard, whose putting had improved sufficiently for him

at St George's. "I played much better to-day," Howard said, "In the first round, my putting was chronic. This is the fourth Amateur I have played in and I have been in the last to twice, but I won't get far this year unless my putting improves."

Wolstenholme, however, surprisingly failed to get beyoud the strokeplay stage. The only former Amateur champi-on in the field, he ballooned to an 87 in the wind at Cinque Ports and could do no better than a 79 at St George's.

When Wolstenholme won the Berkshire Trophy in May, he did so thanks to a stirring finish of par, par, birdie - and knowing that he had to cover those three holes in one under par to win - but the weather was different then, sunshine and little wind, and Wolmay have found him out in the windy conditions and more

Graham Rankin is a certainty for the Walker Cup team after two victories, one in the Lytham Trophy, and a second place in three amateur events this season. He is big and strong and has played better this year than ever before. He single-putted his last six holes at St George's for a 74, which to return a 72 at Deal after a 76 gave him a total of 153.

"I didn't mind being three over after four holes," Rankin said, "because I knew I could get them back later." Jody Fanagan, like Rankin, a memher of the victorious Walker Cup side of two years ago, had a 75 at Deal to qualify comfortably on 151.

Also in the team will be David Park, the Welshman, who won the La Manga Masters earlier this year and the Brabazon Trophy at Saunton last month, Park concluded an impressive weekend's work with a 05 that equalled the course record at Saunton and broke the previous best Brabazon score by six

Alastair Forsyth, the Scottish strokeplay champion, was unable to match his play in the first round. A 7I at St George's when the wind was at its strongest, was an impressive score. He had a 78 at Deal

TENNIS: FRENCH OPEN

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R Hiralu (Japan) and M Shupathi (India) bi A Koumikova (Russ) and M Knowtes (Bah) 7-5, 6-0 Raymond and P Galbrath (US) bt R McQuitan and D MacPeherson (Aus) 6-3, 6-4

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Doubles

Third round G Fernandez (US) and N Zverevo (Bela) bi H Nagyova (Slovakia) and P Schnyder

TOURINAMENT.

Republic 0 (at Aries), Portugal 1 United States 1 (at La Seyne-sur-Mer) Portugal meet France in final ARGENTINIAN LEAGUE: Boca Juniors 1 Percentury Español 3, Colon 0 Compaga.

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Chris Nickens, of the United States, plays out of a bunker at the 14th at Royal Cinque Ports, Deal, yesterday

PUBLIC NOTICES

Notice of Special General Meeting SCOTTISH AMICABLE LIFE ASSURANCE SOCIETY

NOTICE is hereby given that a Special General Meeting of Scottish Amicable Life Assurance Suciety ("the Society") will he held at the Scottish Exhibition and Contextion Centre, Glasgow on 27 June 1997 at 11,00 a.m. when the following resolution will be proposed as a special resolution:

Special Resolution

THAT.

- (a) the proposals described in the circular to members and policyholders of Scottish Amicable Life Assurance Society ("the Society") dated 28 May 1997 ("the Circular") including, without limitation, the scheme ["the Scheme"] providing for the transfer of the long term business (as defined in the fusurance Companies Act 1982) ("the Act") of the Society to The Prudential Assurance Company Limited pursuant to Section 49 of, and Part I of Schedule 2C to, the Act as set out in the document produced to the meeting and signed for the purpose of identification by the Chairman thereof and summarised in the Circular be and are hereby approved and the Directors of the Society be and are hereby authorised and instructed to carry the same into effect with power to agree to or make such additions or modifications thereto, and to do all such eats and things on behalf of the Society, as they may consider necessary or desirable for the purpose of securing an order sanctioning the Schome and of carrying the same and the proposals described in the Circular into effect:
- (b) subject to, and conditionally upon, the Scheme being sanctioned by an order of the Court, the regulations of the Society as set forth in Schedule 1 to the Scottish Amicable Life Assurance Society's Act 1976 (as amended) be and are hereby amended as follows:
- by the renumbering of existing regulation 2(6) as regulation 2(7) and the addition of the following as regulation 2(6): to transfer the whole or substantially the whole of the business and undertaking of the Society to The Prudential Assurance Company Limited pursuant to a scheme under Section 49 of, and Part I of Schedule 2C to, the Insurance Companies Act 1982 ["the Scheme") in the form annexed to the petition to the Court of Session dated 26 May 1997. or as amended from time to time;":
- (ii) by the renumbering of existing regulation 3(28) as regulation 3(29) and the addition of the following as regulation 3(28): to transfer the whole or substantially the whole of the husiness and undertaking of the Society to The Prudential Assurance Company Limited pursuant to the Scheme referred to in regulation 2(6) on such terms as the Society shall think fit and to enter into such arrangements and do all such things ancillary thereto or in connection therewith as the Society shall think fit (including doing all such things as the directors consider necessary or desirable to give effect to the proposals described in the circular to members and policyholders of the Society relating to the said
- (iii) by the deletion of the word "The" at the start of regulation 4 and the substitution therefor of the words "Without prejudice to regulations 5B and 9B, the";
- (iv) by the deletion of the word "All" at the start of regulation 5 and the substitution therefor of the words "Subject to regulations 5A, 5B, 5C, 6A, 6B, 9A and 9B, all";
- (v) by the addition of the following as new regulations 5A, 5B and 5C:
- "5A Notwithstanding any other provision of these regulations, no person shall be or become a member of the Society by virtue of any policy of assurance which is not entitled to participate in profits.
- 5B Where, in accordance with these regulations, a free standing additional voluntary contribution pension policy (within the meaning of the Retirement Beneifts Scheme (Restrictions on Discretion to Approve) (Additional Voluntary Contributions) Regulations 1993) confers membership of the Society, the member in respect of same shall he the individual on whose behalf the policy was effected, notwithstanding that such policy is effected in name of
- 5C Subject to the provisions of regulation 5A, if on or after 1 June 1997 a member in respect of a pension policy (i) transfers the entire pension benefits attributable to any person thereunder to another pension policy or (ii) converts such policy into a different category of pension policy, and in either such case the schedule to such other pension policy or different category of pension policy ("the replacement policy") states that the policy contains a "Ported Transfer Payment" (or words of like effect) the person in right of the replacement policy shall be or become the member in respect of the replacement policy.":
- (vi) by the deletion of the word "A" at the start of regulation 6 and the substitution therefor of the words "Subject to regulations 5B, 5C, 6A, 6B and 9B, a";
- (vii)by the addition of the following as new regulations 6A and 6B: "6A Subject to regulation 5C no person shall be or become a member of the Society on or at any time after 1 June 1997 in respect of any policy of assurance unless the proposal for same was for a policy which would participate in profits of the Society and such proposal has been accepted by the directors before 1 June 1997 and has not
- subsequently been altered other than by agreement with the directors. 6B No person shall be or become a member of the Society in respect of any policy of assurance if that policy
- participates in profits only by reason of the exercise of switching or conversion rights if the date of implementation by the Society of such switching or conversion is on or after 1 June 1997.": (viii) by the deletion of the word "Assignation" at the start of regulation 9 and the substitution therefor of the words
- 'Subject to regulations 5C, 9A, 9B and 104, assignation":
- (ix) by the addition of the following as new regulations 9A and 9B:
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- 9B This regulation 9B applies (i) to a policy which confers membership of the Society and was effected in name of a trustee or trustees, and [ii] to a person who is in right of such policy by reason only of a change of trusteeship. So long as that person remains in right of that policy he will be the member in respect of it, and the Society shall be entitled to require such information as it reasonably thinks necessary to satisfy itself as to the identity and capacity of any person claiming or purporting to act as trustee in respect of such policy.":
- (x) by the addition of the following as new regulation 89A: "99A Regulations 85 to 89 apply without prejudice to the implementation of the Scheme referred to in regulation 2(6).":
- (xi) by the insertion in regulation 95 of words "or policyholder" after "member" where it appears in both places in that
- (xii) by the addition of the following as new regulation 104:
- "104 In any case of doubt the decision of the directors as to whether or not any person is a member of the Society shall be conclusive. In arriving at such decision the directors shall be entitled to rely upon the Society's records and for this purpose to set the most practicable date by reference to the records at which any question as to membership shall be determined. The directors shall also be entitled but not required to assume (in the absence of conclusive evidence to the contrary) (i) that any assignee of a policy shown in the Society's computer records is an assignee who has acquired the absolute right to such policy, and (ii) that (subject thereto) any person shown in the Society's computer records as a "contributor" in respect of any policy is the proposer of that policy,"; and
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CRICKET

Surrey must wait for foreign aid to arrive

By Alan Lee, cricket correspondent

SURREY have yet to win a game in the Britannic Assurance championship this season and the portents suggest that they will struggle to make a start this week. The antepost favourites, who meet Essex at the Oval today, are missing four England players. have two men struggling with injuries and are still without an overseas player.

Officials at the Oval are understandably torn by the international achievements of their players. Four of their top six batsmen are absent today and the position could worsen if either Alex Tudor or Ben Hollioake graduate to Test



(1996 positions in brackets)

cricket before the summer is out. Both play today. Surrey have championship fixtures clashing with each of

the first five Tests, one good reason why they have abandoned their intention of getting through the season without foreign aid. It had been hoped that Saqlain Mushtag, their acquisition from Pakistan, would be available this week, but he is not now due to arrive in the country until tomorrow.

His debut will either be in the Sunday League game against Essex or the Benson and Hedges Cup semi-final against Leicestershire, two days later, but it will be his championship partnership with the leg spin of lan Salisbury that will add significantly to Surrey's strength.
Joey Benjamin and Nadeem
Shahid will have fitness tests

before the Surrey team is announced this morning. So, too, will Paul Prichard, the Essex captain who is suffering from a groin strain. With Nasser Hussain away with England, Graham Gooch is

on standby to lead the team. Glamorgan, the leaders, have no game today and Gloucestershire, in second place, are without David Lawrence for their tough examination at Headingley. Lawrence is injured once more; his comeback, though brave and romantic, is beginning to look

short-lived. Two of the counties queuing behind them, Kent and Warwickshire, have fitness worries for their meeting at Tunbridge Wells. Graham Cowdrey, of Kent, has torn a hamstring, and Allan Don-ald's back strain continues to keep him out of a Warwickshire side that may also miss Ashley Giles, who has a shin

It needed luck with injuries, as well as ability and tenacity. for Leicestershire to win the title last season, and it is not being so kind now. David Millns has a knee strain and James Ormond will probably replace him at Lord's today, against a Middlesex side in erratic form.

Chris Adams has been named in the Derbyshire team, despite disputing a club fine for dissent, and Kim Barnett also returns against Hampshire at Chesterfield. Nottinghamshire, whose overseas player saga has been a farce this year, try yet another one by giving Nathan Astle, the New Zealander, his debut



Mark Taylor, the Australia captain, practises at Edgbaston yesterday in preparation for the first Test match. Report page 52

Waugh means peace and harmony

was so predictable, you could not help but laugh. The ball was on a line of leg and middle and Mark Waugh drove it to the midwicket boundary to get off the mark. Two balls later, he played a similar stroke, only this time the shot was gentler. the ball took a little longer to touch the ropes and the afterglow was warmer.

It looked regal and yet it was also casual: a trick only one batsman in a thousand can pull off. Waugh is that batsman. There are many reasons for welcoming the start of another Ashes series, and as compelling as any is the prospect of watching the most beautiful player in the world at the height of his powers. Who knows? If he feels sufficiently roused by Australia's indifferent start to this tour, he may, in the weeks ahead,

approach the greatness that lies within him. Those on-side strokes, at Bristol last week, represented an unfurling of the banner. They bore his stamp, just as surely as they identified Greg Chappell as the most handat Northampton. some batsman of his day, 20 years ago. Most Australian batsmen, by temperament and style, are not flowery. Chappell, going against the grain, batted as if he wore emperor's raiment and Waugh, though not quite so imperial, could easily pass for a prince.

Sometimes, if you half-close your eyes on a sunlit day when Waugh is at the crease, and watch him play those strokes that more prolific batsmen wished they had, you get an impression of what cricket used to be like, if the accounts of the old-timers are reliable There is something of a morning dream about his batting, of the game played purely for pleasure, of "kissing the joy as it flies".

Brian Lara and Sachin Tendulkar are probably "bet-ter" players, and Steve Waugh is more copper-bottomed in his reliability, but, for sheer watchability, there is no more sapid batsman in the modern game than M. E. Waugh. If. for a lark, runs were awarded for aesthetic merit, he might easily make a hundred from ten balls every time he went out to bat.

Yet what makes Waugh

MICHAEL HENDERSON



Line and Length

interesting is the strength of will that his easy manner conceals. It is not so obvious as his brother's, but it is there. He offended, rightly, when ople think of him as being flighty. He could not make match-winning Test hundreds in the West Indies and South Africa if he lacked purpose. When Alan Bennett said

that "dandies are tough", he

was talking of John Betjeman, another man whose amiable public image failed to disguise a steel-eyed purpose. Because Waugh has a dolphin-friendly face, it does not follow that he will perform tricks for cheap applause. It is just that, when somebody plays with such little apparent effort, people sometimes wonder whether they can really be serious.

To some extent, the perception of Waugh as a soft touch is his own fault. He made 138 in his first Test innings, against England in Adelaide six years ago, and has exceeded it only once (and then by two runs) in his subsequent ten hundreds. He averages 43 when a player of his class should be making 50 every time. Facts do not mean everything, but they do mean something, and Waugh should amend his record in

the years left to him. At Bristol last week, when there was a hundred to be taken, he was out an over before lunch for 66, caught at mid-on as he tried to hit a spinner over the top. Aha, some will say, he is maker of glorious 70s and 80s; he should make more hundreds.

batsmen who wear bowlers down. Danny Blanchflower, who knew all about glory, believed that luxury players were precisely the ones you could not not afford. In the successful Australia side that he has grown up in. Waugh is a necessary adornment.

True, but we need pleasure-

givers as well as the type of

I mention this because, too often, cricket talk is about sledging, ball-tampering, over rates, intimidatory bowling, and whatnot. There is also the barrel-load of dressing-room banalities, of commitment, no quarter being asked (nor, in-deed, given), things being "taken on board", and "input".

Essentially, though, cricket is about bowlers trying to rip out three poles at the other end and batsmen trying to whack the ball across a meadow. When we bowl in our dreams, we imagine ourselves to be Dennis Lillee or Wasim Akram. When we bat, we play shots with the unhurried se renity of Mark Waugh. This should be a great summer. Open your ears and enjoy the beguiling song that is about to

Ward is the new king of Herts

MINOR COUNTIES CRICKET BY MICHAEL AUSTIN

MINOR counties bowlers will shudder at the signing of David Ward, the former Surrey strokeplayer, for Hertfordshire. As if the former Test batsmen, Wayne Larkins and Derek Randall, appearing for Bedfordshire and Suffolk enough, this could become a tough year for those seeking lost balls in hedge bottoms.

With David Surridge, the Hertfordshire captain for the past eight years, leaving the club. Nick Gilbert, 34 later this month, has grasped the challenge to restore the county's better days. Hertfordshire have finished in the bottom three of the Eastern Division during each of the past four years. thus failing to win a place in the NatWest Trophy since 1992:

Gilbert, a St Albans batsman, hopes that the pugnacious Ward will help to change all that, but said: "Looking at David's fine record, some would think 'Here comes the cavalry' and relax, but our players want to prove something themselves." Ward, 36, scored 2,072 first-class runs for Surrey

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in 1990, his best summer. His debut is against Northumberland in the two-day match starting on June 17 at St Albans. David cannot be expected to wave the magic wand, but he will help in our prime aim to qualify for next season's Nat-West," Gilbert said. "As a fast scorer, he should be a force, especially when we bat last." Whether other counties will allow for the "Ward factor" when formulating declaration targets remains to be seen, but, when Hertfordshire drew their opening game with Lincolnshire on a piece of batting paradise at Sleaford, Gilbert himself had a dilemma, as he

explained. We lost the toss, were put in and 550 runs were scored, overall, on the first day. We asked Lincolnline-up to make 350 in 56 overs; they lost three wickets quickly just after tea, the chase was over and the match drawn. We took the wickets too quickly to keep them interested."

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IT EMPHASISED The age-old problem of squeezing four innings into two days. Ideally, three or four days would suit the purpose, as in the second XI championship for firstclass counties this summer, but this remains a non-starter. Gilbert said: "As a contract surveyor. my company is very sup-portive. My cricket involvement goes down well with them and [get 15 days of my 21 days annual leave to play for Hert-fordshire."

Gary Loveday, who is in his second season as Berkshire captain, is relishing the prospect of making his hundredth championship appearance against Shropshire at Hurst on Tuesday, Loveday, 33, is within 500 runs of the county's championship record of 6,970, set by Tony Davis, who played

from 1950 to 1974. Loveday believes that the signing of Neil Kendrick, the former Surrey and Glamorgan spinner, will add another dimension to Berkshire's season. "The initial contact came through our wicketkeeper, Mark Lane. who knows Neil." Love-day said. "His experience will be valuable.

BBC strives to set new boundaries for Ashes coverage

xpect slicker BBC tele-vision coverage when opens at Edgbaston tomorrow. The corporation has made a number of changes to its programme, which will start five minutes earlier on some days, ten minutes on others, to help viewers to savour the big-match build-

A roving reporter - Simon Hughes — has been commissioned to obtain speedier player interviews and there will be a more considered precis of the day's play at the close. Greater thought has also gone into tea interval features, which kick off tomorrow with David Gower recalling England's last successful home Ashes

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campaign (under his captain-cy in 1985).

An editor of cricket, Philip Bernie, has been appointed to oversee the innovations. "I am just improving things around the edges." he said modestly yesterday. "The real stars of the show are the commentary team, which is the best in the business." The guest summariser will be Ian Chappell.

Sounds ropey . . .

The second great theft of the season — the first being the disappearance of Mark Taylor's confidence - took place at the weekend. Groundstaff at the County Ground, Bristol, returned to work to find that the boundary rope - measur-

ing 200 metres in length by

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25cm in diameter - had vanished.

"The rope is very heavy and would take more than one man to lift it." a bewildered member of the groundstaff said yesterday. "It must have been taken away in a van — it is too big to get into a car. We **TODAY'S FIXTURES** have told the police, but it will be hard to identify, as there

> Gloucestershire do not play at home again until next Thursday, by which time the club may have purchased another rope. "They cost about 5300," our source said gloomily. "We could make do with a white line and some flags, I

Health disservice

had some good fortune with the National Lottery commission, but that is about where their luck ends this season. A row has engulfed Mohammad Zahid, the overseas player

who was released, and yesterday replaced by Nathan Astle, without playing a match. Zahid, the promising young

Pakistan fast bowler, is stricken with a back injury that threatens his career. Zahid believes that his best hope is to seek treatment in England, but the Pakistan board wants him to return home for medical assistance and is not prepared to foot the bill unless he does so. Sources close to the player

have accused Majid Khan, the chief executive of the Pakistan board, of letting insurance policies on players lapse. Majid denies that there is a dispute. "The medical checkups suggest he has a longterm problem, but our doctors

are as good here as they are in London," he said from Lahore yesterday. "If he wants treatment in England, that is his business." Zahid is now attempting to raise the funds himself. Nottinghamshire, who have acted honourably throughout, have offered to make a contribution.

One-day blunder?

Dermot Reeve, famed for his innovative thinking and the best one-day captain England never had, is rumoured to have written a special clause into his contract when he joined Somerset as coach last winter. It stipulates that he need not watch any match in the Axa Life League - the one-

preme. Hardly surprising, then, that Somerset are languishing in the middle of the table, with just two wins in six

day competition in which

Reeve made Warwickshire su-

Old fixation

It seems to be the form these days for retired cricketers from the sub-continent to reveal sordid tales of matchfixing. The newest member of the club is Manoj Prabhakar, the former India all-rounder. who alleges that his country's shameful defeat by England in the 1987 World Cup semi-final in Bombay may have been the result of fixing. Until now, it was believed that India's degreatest one-day innings ever played, a century by Graham Gooch. Prabhakar, who also stated

feat was because of one of the

that he was offered money to throw a match against Sri Lanka in 1994, makes his claims in the forthcoming issue of Outlook, the Indian magazine, famous for reporting the candid observations of Brian Lara after West Indies were beaten by Kenya in the World Cup last year. Ajit Wadekar, who coached India in one of the games referred to by Prabhakar, was philosophical. "When you are out of the reckoning, you tend to imag-ine things." he said.

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FIRST-CLASS AVERAGES

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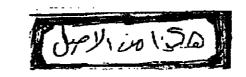
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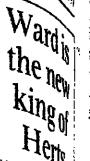


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RACING: GOSDEN BOOKS NEWMARKET JOCKEY FOR DANTE WINNER

Ryan given plum Derby ride on Benny The Dip

RACING CORRESPONDENT

WILLIE RYAN, whose last Derby mount unseated him approaching Tattenham Corner, yesterday picked up the plum spare ride on Benny The Dip in the Epsom classic on Saturday.

"He's ridden a lot of good horses for Henry Cecil. He is a good judge of pace and has a level head. John Gosden, trainer of the Dante Stakes winner, said.

Ryan has ridden in the Derby three times before, including finishing fourth on Faraway Dancer behind Shahrastani in 1986. However, he was less fortunate on Foyer three years ago when he unceremoniously dumped on the ground six furlongs from home.

Benny The Dip made all the running to win the Dante Stakes at York three weeks ago but a doubt remains about

there is a worry, but his sire, Silver Hawk, is a great influence for stamina and he is a very relaxed horse in his racing and those type of

horses often outstay their pedigree," Gosden added.
"His two pieces of work since the Dante have been his sharpest, so he is coming into the race in top form." Nonetheless, Gosden shares

the view held by most racing professionals that racegoers could be in for a special treat on Saturday as Entrepreneur anempts to justify short-priced favouritism. "No horse is un-beatable, but he has first-rate credentials. He won the best Derby trial [the 2,000 Guineasl, has an excellent pedigree and is a well-balanced horse."

"I think we are coming to watch a proper horse win the Derby: one we are lucky to be around to see."

Gosden's remarks were echhim being able to stay the oed yesterday by Lester

demanding mile and a half at Epsom. "On the dam's side have never even thought about have never even thought about

Entrepreneur being beaten. I think he could be an exceptional horse," Piggon said. The nine-times Derby-winning rider nominated Benny The Dip and Cloudings. trained by André Fabre, as his two each-way alternatives.

Carson, speaking before a lunch given in his honour at Epsom yesterday, said: "It looks as though Entrepreneur is the class horse, although after the French Derby Cloudings must come into the reckoning. Everybody says it is a one-horse race, but he still has to compete with Epsom racecourse. It is never a onehorse race at Epsom.

"Entrepreneur has gone down the same road as Nashwan, the last horse to complete the 2,000 Guineas-Derby double. He's a speed horse, like Nashwan, but they are different in the sense that Nashwan was a big, rangy horse while Entrepreneur is a

While Entrepreneur is the inevitable focus of attention in the run-up to Saturday, other pieces in the Derby jigsaw fell into place yesterday with Peter Chapple-Hyam announcing that both Romanov and Single Empire, the Italian Derby winner, will run.

Barry Hills expects Michael, his son, to partner Musalsal, while Ray Cochrane has been booked for The Fly. "I think both horses will be in the first five," Hills said. Ben Hanbury was particu-

larly bullish about Fahris, the Feilden Stakes winner, who has recovered fully from a sinus problem "and did the best piece of work ever vesterday morning".

Grapeshot, the Predominate Stakes winner, looks likely to miss the race after developing what his trainer, Luca Cumani, described as a "minor physical problem".



Carson shows off a picture of his four Derby winners presented at a lunch in his honour at Epsom yesterday

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5	(7)		KADEENA 218 (G) (Devonia Stud) M Johnston 9-2
6	(5)		BOATER 18 (D,F) (Lord Hartington) D Morley 8-8 R Ffrench (5)
7	(2)		BOLLIM TERRY 20 (Sir Neil Westbrook) T Easterby B-6 L Chemock
8	161	0035-	SALVER SECRET 219 (F Sansbury) M Heaton-Ellis 8-5 6 Duffield
BETT	NG: 11-	4 Super M	lorarch, 5-1 Baster, Atlantic Desers. Kadaera, 7-1 Brave Montgomerie, 10-1 others
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COURSE SPECIALISTS

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D Loder	3	14	21.4	G Dutilleld	13	88	14.6
M Johnston	22	135	16.2	K Dadey	36	190 24 118	13.7
G M Moors	- 5	36 29	139	R Lappán	. 3	24	12.5
P Calver	4	29	13.8	J Fortune	13	118	11,

3.30 RAMSIDE HALL HOTEL SELLING STAKES

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(3)	420024	FEATHERSTONE LANE 6 (CD.F.C) (D.P. Harr) Mrs. L. Subsali (1915, D. Lita)	
(2)	0-0000	HERE COMES A STAR 6 (D.F.G) (Mrs. J Goodhadge) J Carr 9-9-5 A Ca	diane 8
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	(b) (7) (4) (3) (2) (1) (8) (5)	(b) 503401 (7) 301240 (4) 315000 (3) 420024 (2) 0-0000 (1) 563406 (8) 504856	173 301240 DOUBLE (SCAR 23 (D.F.) stuffly Riching D. Nickells, 4. 9. 16 J. D. D. W. (4) 316000 REDLE MATCH 25 (G) (Clayton Begley Stus 100 J. J. O'Reill 4. 3-19 J. (4) 40024 FEATHERSTONE LAME 6 (D.F.) (D. Phater Min-C. Lowdin (-3-5-5-0 Min-C.) 0-0000 HERE COMES A STAR 6 (D.F.) (Mr. J. Googhodge) J. Cur. 9-9-5 A C. (1) 503406 PALACEGATE JACK 4 (V.D.F.) (S) (W. Rame) J. Berv. 6-7-5 J. (8) 50456 REINNYNDLME 6 (D.G.) (Glory Drivey Riching Princip A National Sci. 9-5-5 J.

8-1 Rennyholme, 12-1 othor 1996: SEA-DEER 7-9-5 J Fortune (9-4 tas) C Chapman 13 ran

FORM FOCUS

CAPTAIN CARAT (dead-heat) best Donna's Lunc	c
13rd in 10-runner claimer at Callerick (51, good	h
nrm) DOUBLE OSCAR beat General Sa Per	¢
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FEATHERSTONE LANE 11:1 (4) of 13 to Manco Park in limited stakes at Caliete (51 time) with REMINITED MR about 14 (5) Selection CAPTAIN CARAT

4.00 50 YEARS OF TIMEFORM HANDICAP

١	(6)	-32501	EMBRYONEC 11 (C.D.F.) (Mrs. D.Malex) M. Toofranker 5-10-0 G. Carter	96
2	(3)	420-15	BALLPOINT 30 (BF,G) (6 Hamation) 6 M Moore 4-9-11. R Fittericts (5)	96
3	(4)	223025	NOUFARI 18 (G) (E Westman) R Hollurshead 6-9-6 . L Detton	Œ
4	(2)		OPAQUE 21 (G) (6 Keary) W Closey 5-9-5 . S Witstworth	97
5	(5)		GREAT ORATION 19 (D,F) (M Hothernigton L10) F Walson 8-6-11 J Custon	96
5	(II)	2630P/	THURDERHEART 578 (D.F.) (I Daiglesti) A Albin 6-8-4 . J Faranag	-
П	6: 2-1	Embryoni	r, 9-4 Opaque, 9-2 Ballipoint, Great Oration, 8-1 Noutau, 20-1 Thursdemean.	
			1996; ZAMHAREER 5-7-4 iona Wands (11-2) W Slorey 10 ran	

FORM FOCUS

EMBRYONIC beat Tumpole 11/41 in handicap at
Dencaster (2m 110vd. good to firm) BALLPOINT
Doncaster (2m 110yd, good to 8mm) BALLPÓINT beal Hasta La Viste % In handicap at Calterick (1m
4i, good). NOUFARI short-head 3nd of 4 to Casile
Secret in handicap at Wolverhampton (2m, AW).
OPAQUE short-head 2nd of 15 to Tumpole in
handicap at York (1m &t. good) GREAT ORATION

beat Sharley Sue neck in handvesp at Pontetract (2m 11, good to firm) with EMBRYONEC (7th beater off) about 64-15th, previously about 1%1 4th of 20 to Sea Victor in handvesp at Nottingham (2m, good to firm) with THERIDERHEART (34th beater off) 4%1 9th Oct 95. Selection: EMBRYONIC

4.30 WIN WITH TIMEFORM HANDICAP

1-	U: 1.	1,334 0	i) (8 rumers)	
1	(8)	260-20	DOUBLE-J 20 (F) (D Armitage) is McAutifie 9-7 B Doyle	9
2	(3)	20-100	MIGHT FUGHT 20 (D,G) (C Slevens) J J O'Nelli 9-3 G Duffield	93
3	n	2203-1	NETY NORMAN 24 (S) (Mrs N Peebles) J Berry 9-2 K Darley	8
4	(5)	D52-10	PRINCE DOME 18 (F) (6 Jones) M Wave 8-11	85
5	(1)	3-6230	TWO ON THE BRIDGE 18 (D Smith) D Smith 8-8 A Culture	85
6	(2)	022041	ALWAYS ALIGHT 7 (D,F) (M Naimes-Crocker) k Bunte 8-5 (6ex) J Clumb	9
7	(4)	0-0003	EXPRESS GIFL 17 (S) (P Arrey) D Moltat 8-1 Damen Moltati (3)	97
8	(6)	050441	RUM LAD 4 (D,F) (B Shaw) J J Dulnn 7-13 (6/24) J Lowe	90
П	G: 7-2	Nith No	rman, 4-1 Ahrays Alighi, 9-2 Rum Lag, 6-1 Double-J. Express Girl, 10-1 Hight Fl	lichi
		Two On 11		•

1996: ENCHANTED GUEST 8-8 G Duffield (3-1 lav) P Harris 11 ran FORM FOCUS

ı	
ı	DOUBLE-J 21 2nd of 13 to Bishops Court or hands-
ı	cato al Chaster (61 solt) with MISHT FLIGHT (31s)
ı	worse off) 161 9th NIFTY NORMAN best Archello
ı	6i in maiden at Beverley (5i, heavy). PRINCE
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$5.00\,$ tip-top timeform ratings limited stakes

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1	(4)	430003	GENUNE JOHN 11 (G) (Mrs 6 Spent) J Parties 4-9-8	S Whatworth	9
2	(5)	6/2310	SUN MARK 16 (S) (Scotnorth Racing Ltd) Mrs. A Surnbank 6-9-8	. G Duffield	8
3	[1]	50006/	DARK MIDNICHT 7J (B) (Exert of R Lamb) D Lamb 8-9-6	k Skat (7)	
4	(2)	00-400	DESERT CAT 8 (Mas L Miller) M Wane 4-9-6	. J Carroll	7
5	(3)	-26532	PHILISTAR B (G) (N Stricts) A Burke 4-9-5	& Doyle	€
6	(6)	-62001	DISPOL GEM 8 (D.F) (W Imson) P Calver 4-9-5	. A Darley	9
BETTIN	FG: 6-4	1 Philister.	2-1 Despoi Gern, 11-2 Genume John. 7-1 Sun Mark. 8-1 Desert Cat.	50-1 Dank Micho	oh
	Ξ.		1996: CALL ME 8-7 D Mckeown (5-1) C Thornton 7 ran		
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FORM FOCUS

SUN MARK basi Katinyn's Pet 1¼1 in 5-numer of 12 to La Modisse in claimer at Sandown (1m. fimiliad stakes at Hamilton (1m 41, sob), DESPRT good to firm), DISPOL GEM best Nobby Barnes ¼1 CAT about 9½4 4th of 13 to High Premum in claimer at Carlesle (71, good), PHILISTAR 3½1 2nd

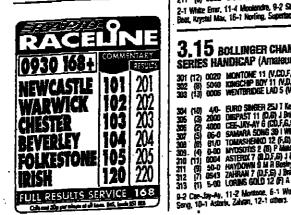
3.45 MIDSUMMER HANDICAP (E3,518: 1m 2l 169yd) (9) WARWICK SPECIALISTS

BEVERLEY: Trainers: D Loder, 22 winners from 36 runners, 61 1%; M Wane, 4 from 15, 28,7%; J Watts, 7 from 37, 18,9%; J Berry, 21 from 112, 18,9%; M Johnston, 22 from 128, 18,0%; R Faltey, 4 from 26, 15,4%; Mrs M Reveley, 17 from 112, 15,2%; B Hills, 4 from 27, 14,8%; T Easterby, 5 from 42, 11,9%; J Carr, 3 from 28, 10,7%, Jockeyer, J Reid, 5 winners from 15 frotes, 33,3%; K Darley, 56 from 234, 23,9%; L Detont, 10 from 51, 19,6%; G Duffield, 10 from 85, 11 8%; G Carter, 8 from 77, 10,4% Only quelifiers.

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CHESTER: Trainers: D Loder, 4 winners from 13 runners, 30.8%; Mrs J Ramsden, 4 from 15, 26.7%; G Lewis, 3 from 16, 18.8%; G Wregg, 5 from 28, 17.9%; P Cole, 8 from 49, 16.3%; J Berry, 17 from 113, 15.0%; I Betcing, 3 from 22, 13.6%, P Evans, 7 from 53, 13.2%; E J Alaton, 9 from 73, 12.3%, M Chennon, 4 from 40, 10.0% Jockeys: Pat Eddery, 16 wnners from 72 frdes, 22.2%; J Egan, 3 from 17, 17.8%; Paul Eddery, 8 from 46, 17.4%; J Fortune, 7 from 53, 13.2%. Only qualifiers.

from 53, 13.2%. Only qualifiers.

FOLKESTONE: Trainers: Lady Herries, 6 winners from 22 numers. 27.3%. N Cataghan, 7 from 26, 26.9%; B Mitmen. 6 from 31, 19.4%. R Akehuret, 16 from 36, 18.6%; R Hannon, 19 from 121, 15.7%. Miss G Kelleway, 5 from 35, 14.3%; P Walwyn, 4 from 28, 14.3%; D Elsworth, 3 from 22, 13.6%; C Brittain, 7 from 59, 11.9%; P Cole, 6 from 52, 11.5%. Jackeys: Dane O'Nell, 12 winners from 64 rides, 18.8%; R Hughes, 8 from 47, 17.0%; T Quirn, 17 from 13, 15.0%; W Ryen, 5 from 39, 170m 113, 15.0%; W Ryen, 5 from 39, Drowne, 5 from 44, 11 4%.



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THUNDERER	
2.15 Sandside. 2.45 Standown. 3.15	Zahran, 3,45
Sovereign Page. 4.15 Tom Tailor. Poppy. 5.15 Nopalea.	4.45 Perrec
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2,15 KENILWORTH NOVICE AUCTION STAKES (2-Y-0: £3,288: 6f) (10 runners)

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R Cochane 65 2:10 (4) 0356 SUPERLAD 11 (F,S) J Bridger S-8-8 A Daly (5) 58 2:11 (6) 0302 CHEF'S LADY 2 J Bradley 5-8-5 J Fronto (7) 65 2-1 White Ernst, 11-4 Moulandre, 9-2 Standown, 10-1 Hard To Figure, 14-1 Ultra Beet, Roystel Max, 16-7 Norling, Superlan, 20-1 others

3.15 BOLLINGER CHAMPAGNE CHALLENGE SERIES HANDICAP (ATRIBUTS: £3,044: 1m) (13)	
301 (12) 0020 MONTONE 11 (V.CD.F.G.S) J Jenkins 7-12-0 M Marrieth 302 (8) 5040 KINGCHP BOY 11 (V.D.F.G.) M Ryan 8-11-13 S Livalin (4) 303 (43) 0006 VENTERIDGE LAD 5 (V.D.F.G.S) P Frans 7-11-12	94 96
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	301 (12) 0020	MINITURE 17 (V.D.F.C.) M Ryon 8-11-13 S Lavallin (4)	96
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	303 (13) 0006	A Earls (4)	91
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ı	304 (10) 40-	FUND SERVEST CALL PROPERTY 7-11-5 D. Reicher (4)	201
ı	305 (3) 2000	EURO SPECIFICA DE MARINE TOTAL DE BRIDGE (1) DEPAST 11 (D.G.) J Bridge 7-11-5	92
- 1	306 (2) 4000	CEL-MY-AY 6 (CUL) (C.S.) 1 (SBIT) 18-11-2	89
	307 (5) 06-0	SAMARA SONG 39 WHERE 4-17-2	89
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- 1	311 (1) 50-0	ZAJERAN 7 (D.S.S.) J. Bradley 6-9-13 J. Goldsacks. (4)	
1	312 (7) (543	LOOME COLD 12 (F) & Turnell 7-9-12 J Rees	ಚಿ
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			SOVERBIGH PAGE 11 (CO.F.G) 9 Hardury 6-10-0 J Stack
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433	(5)	23-0	SANDY FLOSS 24 R Buckler 4-9-8 Sophie Machell (5)
104	(8)	4D1	ISTTOFF 7 (F,G) S C Williams 4-9-8 (Sea) J Road
			DAWAM ALLAH 11 M Jarvis 3-8-11 _ R Cochrane
			MAD MALITANT 11 (CO.F.G) A Sheets 8-8-5 . T Sprake
107	(2)	-001	BLOCKADE 7 (F,6,5) M Bell B-8-5 M Fenton
108	igi	00-0	CONIC HELL 12 (F) J Pearce 6-7-10 6 Santwell
109	141	0043	SAM ROCKETT 12 G Kelloway 4-7-10 R Maden (5)
			I-1 Dawam Allali, 11-2 Ishoff, 13-2 General Haven, Mad Milk
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4.15 KING HAMLET LIMITED STAKES (3-Y-0: £3,455: 1m 21 169yd) (4) 501 (4) 3-41 TOM TAILOR 23 (S) D Esworth 8-13 R Cochrane 95 502 (3) 0-05 MECHAEL VENTURE 25 S Woods 8-11 503 (1) B-40 HAPPY 60 LUCKY 19 (S) R 0 Sullivan 8-8 S Sanders 30 504 C2 -055 TYCDON CIRL 18 (F) B Meeton 8-8 R Editory \$ 11-10 Tom Tallor, 7-2 Michael Venture, Happy Go Lucky, 5-7 Tycoon Girl

4.45 KINGSBURY LIMITED STAKES

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501 (1) -031 SPEEDY CLASSIC 95 (O.F.S.) M Healen-Ellis B-9-9	6 2	
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604 (9) 4350 MASTER M-E-N 9 (V.F) N Babbago 5-9-3 V Stattery	87	
605 (3) 00-1 WARSOME WOOSTER 7 (D.F.G.S) P Murphy 6-9-3 J Reid	86	
606 (4) -000 DELIGHT OF DAWN 16 (D.F.G) E Wheeler 5-9-0		
5 Sades	80	
	86	
	EC.	
6079 (6) 6955 ACLIATIC CILEEN 26 A Worker 3-8-4 N Adams	82	
	89	
4-1 Speech Classic, 5-1 Nowlands Corner, Perfect Poppy, 13-2 Winsome Wooster.		

4-1 Speedy Classic, 5-1 Hewland; Corner, Perfect Poppy, 13-2 Winsonne Woosse, 7-1 Master M-E-H, 8-1 Lancachie Legend, Aquatic Casen, 10-1 others. 5.15 PRINCE RUPERT FILLIES MAIDEN HANDICAP (£3,614-51) (7)

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7	(5)	Ç000-	BRON-LODGE 214J K Bridgmald 4-7-16. J Bracking (5)
7-4 (kopa	lea. 5-	2 Malipet, 7-2 Blue Lamp, 7-1 Breinv, 16-1 Astral Crown, 2
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ĺ	COURSE SPECIALISTS
I	TRANERS: Mess G Kelleway, 5 winners from 15 numers, 33.3%, 5 Woods, 4 from 14, 28 6%. A Sirerier, 3 from 11, 27.3%, 8 Hambury, from 12, 25.0%, S Williams, 3 from 12, 25.0%, C Cottrell, 5 from 24 20.0%.
l	JOCKEYS: Pal Eddery, 11 winners both 37 rides, 29.7%, J Red. 16 kgm 74, 21 6%, R Cochrane, 7 both 43, 16.3%, A Clark, 8 both 50 16.8%, J F Egan, 3 both 20, 15.0%, G Bardwell, 11 both 79, 13 9%,

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Pontefract

Going good to lim 2.45 (6) 1 Land Of Dreams (0) Horizon 4-11 2 Fibitah (9-0) 3 Find Wilayo (9-4 ta., 10 ran 170; 5) 80 Jenneton Tax (5-9) 51 70 (190) 0144 DP 22109 Tro 502:30 CSF 619-11

22.20 CSF (1911)
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osaan ang in pointo 3,45 (Im 2) ardi 1, Pinchincha (N Day 7-1 Thundere's nagi, 2, Socherty Wind (7-4 fov) 3 Sausairo Bay (3-1) 7 (an. 1), 6 D Rants Tolo (7-50 £1.90, £1.30 DF £4.60 CSF £19.00 CSF £19 00 4 15 Cm (1 C2yd) 1, Nigel's Lad (J Fortune, 4-5 tax), 2, Diego (5-1), 3, Royal Expression (15-9), 3, ran, 15-1, 251, P. Haslam, Tote £1 50, DF £3 00, CSF, £4 10

21 50 OF 13 00 CSF (3 10) 4-45 (1m -4) 8/d) 1, Royal Castle (f Spravo, 4-1), 2, Stake, Gesmos Bay (4-1), 3, Nordic Crest (8-1) Tango King 2-1 tay 7 ran 1 tal, 251 W Hern, Tote 15, 70, 63 90, 52 90 DF 522 90 CSF (18 87 222 90 CSF (1887 5.15 (6) 1 Elnadim (R Hills 1-2 lav, Richard Evens' napl. 2, Present Chance (7-2), 3, Husun (16-1) 9 ran 4, hd J Duniso Tote C160 C12, C110, 200 DF C10 Tio S5 60 CSF, C229 NR March Crusader

Placepot: £40.90. Quadpot: £13.50 Brighton

2:30 (5) 2(13yd) 1, Third Perty (T Ourn, 7-2), 2, Goodbye Gatemen (4-7 lav), 3, Las Vistas (10-1), 6 ran 141, 61 S Dow, Toto 24 00, 21 20 C1 20 DF (2) 20 CSF 25:23 3.00 (6) 208yd) 1. Dark Menace (5 Carson, 14-1), 2, Okay Baby (16-1); 3 Time For Tea (14-1), Mr Cube 3-1 fav 14 ran 2), nl. E (Mheeler Toler £14.50, £4.20, £8.00, £9.10)

(14-1) Mr. Cube. 3-1 fav. 14 mar. 2, n.h. E. Wheeler. Totar £14.50, £4.30, £8.00, £3.10. DF £205.80 Tho £657.80 CSF £783.12. Troast £2.957.74, 3.30 (7; 214vd) 1, Sooty Term (R Firench, 8-1); 2, Kentucky Fall (16-1); 3, Sis. Garden (8-1); Barbason 9-4 fav. 8 ran. NR Siver Secret. 21 sh. nd. J. Bradley. Totar £7.40 £2.10 £3.00, £2.00 DF £66.20 Tho £34.69 CSF £114.2 Troast £972.38 4.00 (1m. 31.196); 1), Mr. Browning (T. Ourn, 9-2); 2, Colout Courselor £5-1); 5, Almuhtaram (9-1) Prince Denzelor £5-1; 6. 24.30, £1.80 DF £37.60, £5F. £95.00 Troast £990.13 4.30 (1m. 11.209); 1), 2, Marchman. (10-1); 3, Araboybil (16-1). Shaberas 9-4 fav. 10 ran. 191. 2; G. I. Moore. Tota. £3.50; £1.70, £4.30, £5.20, DF £34.50 Tro. £23.40 CSF £31.21 After a stewards requery. Marchman, who finished first, was placed second.

second. 5.00 (6) 209yd) 1, Shoumatara (J Reid, 4-1); 2, Tithcar (15-8); 3, Literary (10-11 tay) 5 ran Sh nd. 2%1 M Shouto, Tote; £4 70, £1 50. £1.40. DF £6 60. CSF £11 23 £1.40. DF £5.60. CSF £11.23 5.30 (5) 59y0] 1, Tear White (T Quann, 11-4 tay), 2, Suite Factors (4-1), 3, Anokato (3-1) 7 ran NR. Formidable Spirit, Sylvania Lights. NF, 5.1 T Mills Tota £3.30 £1.50, £2.20 DF

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: Nomore Mr Niceguy (7.10 Chester) Next best: Lido

E7.80 Tno. 28.60 CSF: £12.55 Tilcest: £30.67 Jackpot: not won (poct of £4,581.74 carned forward to Warwick today).

Monday's late results

Windsor

Going, good to firm (firm in places)
7.00 (1m 67yd) 1. Agent Mutdoti (R Pertam
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7.00 KENNEDY WATTS
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7.30 HILARY NEEDLER TROPHY CONDITIONS STAKES (2-Y-0: £9,277: 5f) (10)

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3 JAJNAY TOO 3 McMaton 9-0 M Wighan
4 MISTER DAMASK E Alskon 9-0 M. Rimme
5 0402 YORKIES BOY 11 S McMarton 9-0 L Newton
6 CHASETOWN CAILIN 9 Hollarshead 9-9 Pat Edder
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8 3 GREAT LYTH LASS 11 P Franc 8-9 JF Eggs
9 IRIS MAY J Berry 8-9 T E Durcan (5
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7.10 nws bank handicap (£8,481, 71 2yd) (13) 1 -105 CHECKAMICKA 19 (CD.F.G.5) B Palling 6-9-10 I Sprake 7 5-45 BUS 9 (D.F.F.G.6 Wang 5-9-5 Paul Eddery 13 2-13 TEORED 27 (FF.F.D Loom 5-9-4 D R MCCEAR 14 -310 ALBERT THE BEAR 13 (CD.F.S.) J Berry 4-9-4 T 5 Durgen 55 12

5 -050 VAN GURP 20 (G) B McMenton 4-P-3
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7.40 BODFARI STUD CONDITIONS SKY STAKES (£4.839 1m 41 66yd) (2)

1 840- MARKUMGA 179 (F.G) Let, Herres 5-9-3 2 141: NGHT WATCH 622 (F.G) I Batomp 4-8-11 8-11 Night Watch 11-10 Maralings.

8.10 PAT WHELAN HANDICAP (£3,474, 1m 2l 75yd) (9)

1 1055 BAY OF ISLANDS 18 (D.F.) D Mone 5-9-11 M Day 1 1652 RASAFE 16 (C.D.F.G.) P Eant 7-9-10 J F Egan 2 3042 QUIET ARCH 11 (D.G.) W Mont 4-9-1 M Roberts 5 4 0500 SCRINCES 16 (S.F. Pistlanshed 4-8-12 Pat Eddery 7 5 0101 ROAD RACER 12 (D.G.) SAL J Ramadan 4-9-11 J Ferbare 3 6 5530 NORTHER'N FAN 18 (6.N. N Finite 5-8-10 Charmock 4 7 007) S PESZO RUFO 16 (D.G.) SA (Unbradden 5-7-12 R Frienth (S.) 9 3241 QUIETAS STROLLER 23 (D.G. R Paszon 6-7-10 J Brandski 5) 8 2503 AMERICATROLS 16 (F.) E 49200 S-7-10 J Brandski 5) 8 2503 AMERICATROLS 16 (F.) E 49200 S-7-10 J Brandski 5) 8 2503 AMERICATROLS 16 (F.) E 49200 S-7-10 J Brandski 5) 8 2503 AMERICATROLS 16 (F.) E 49200 S-7-10 J Brandski 5) 8 2503 AMERICATROLS 16 (F.) E 49200 S-7-10 J Brandski 5) 8 2503 AMERICATROLS 16 (F.) E 49200 S-7-10 J Brandski 5) 8 2503 AMERICATROLS 16 (F.) E 49200 S-7-10 J Brandski 5) 8 2503 AMERICATROLS 16 (F.) E 49200 S-7-10 J Brandski 5) 8 2503 AMERICATROLS 16 (F.) E 49200 S-7-10 J Brandski 5) 8 2503 AMERICATROLS 16 (F.) E 49200 S-7-10 J Brandski 5) 8 2503 AMERICATROLS 16 (F.) E 49200 S-7-10 J Brandski 5) 8 2503 AMERICATROLS 16 (F.) E 49200 S-7-10 J Brandski 5) 8 2503 AMERICATROLS 16 (F.) E 49200 S-7-10 J Brandski 5) 8 2503 AMERICATROLS 16 (F.) E 49200 S-7-10 J Brandski 5) 8 2503 AMERICATROLS 16 (F.) E 49200 S-7-10 J Brandski 5) 8 2503 AMERICATROLS 16 (F.) E 49200 S-7-10 J Brandski 5) 8 2503 AMERICATROLS 16 (F.) E 49200 S-7-10 J Brandski 5) 8 2503 AMERICATROLS 16 (F.) E 49200 S-7-10 J Brandski 5) 8 2503 AMERICATROLS 16 (F.) E 49200 S-7-10 J Brandski 5) 8 2503 AMERICATROLS 16 (F.) E 49200 S-7-10 J Brandski 5) 8 2503 AMERICATROLS 16 (F.) E 49200 S-7-10 J Brandski 5) 8 2503 AMERICATROLS 16 (F.) E 49200 S-7-10 J Brandski 5) 8 2503 AMERICATROLS 16 (F.) E 49200 S-7-10 J Brandski 5) 8 2503 AMERICATROLS 16 (F.) E 49200 S-7-10 J Brandski 5) 8 2503 AMERICATROLS 16 (F.) E 49200 S-7-10 J Brandski 5) 8 2503 AMERICATROLS 16 (F.) E 49200 S-7-10 J Brandski 5) 8 2503 AMERICATROLS 16 (F.) E 49200 S-7-10 J Brandski 5) 8 2503 AMERICATROLS 16 (F.) E 49200 S-7-10 J Br 3-1 Road Race: T-2 Quet Arm 4-1 Rosavei 6-1 Ambidecrous, 8-1 Oceans Stroker 12-1 Day 61 Custos: 12-1 Evens Ruto, 14-1 Others

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? 1002 MILECOPAL GERL 5 (D.F.) 8 Pallong 8-2 T Spra
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9 4130 C18LLING 7 (B,D,3F,G) 1/ Tinker 7-13 L Chamo
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7-2 Cautom 11-2 C-Harty, Securitize, 7-1 Farewell My Love, Baylord Th
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3 1564 THE HAPPY FOX 5 (B.D.F.G) B McMation 5-9-5	M Robert			
4 -520 PALO BLANCO 9 (D.F.G) G L Moore 6-9-4 G	andy Morre			
5 2100 REAU VENTURE 18 (D.F.G.S) 8 Palling 9-8-12	. TSpraki			
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9.00 EDWIN STARR NIGHT MAIDEN STAKES

5-3 Romaldo, 11-4 Paraduse Navy, 5-1 Junior Ben, 6-1 Regal Eagle, 6-1 HuRbank, 10-1 Amarga, So Neen, 13-1 other:

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6.20 PEDLINGE AMATEUR RIDERS LIMITED STAKES (\$2.485, 6) 189vd) (6 runners) 1 Ordo TANHUD 7 (DE,SE) D Chopman 6-11-4 Mss R Clark 2
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ı	6 6 MRS MODLE 9 N Calbattan 8-11 S Drawn 7 2 MUFTNFFEMUF 12 P n Webber 8-11 R Perhan
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4 02:33 ACTION ACKISON 9 (BF.F.6) B McListo 5-8-13
5 6-94 LANDLORD 11 (B.F.G) P Bowen 5-8-11
6 -256 CHEZ CATALAN 102 (B.F.G) R Methors 6-8-8
7 40-6 VERUNGA FRANCO 8 K noram 4-9-5.
9 4325 DIMORCA FRANCO 8 K noram 4-9-5.
10 2-39 GRINCA 24J Midgins 6-7-10
11 5056 MROW PROTECE 8 (G) Mrs. L Jewel 5-7-10. D Williams (7) 3

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7.50 ROMNEY MARSH HANDICAP

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FOOTBALL

Maldini on hiding to nothing in tournament too far

By Brian Glanville

CESARE MALDINI, the veteran Italy manager, appointed in mid-stream, will be rounding up the usual suspects this evening against England in Nantes, but he will do it reluctantly. He would much rather the Tournoi de France had not come along at all. In short, he and Italy are on

a hiding to nothing. Thrown in at the deep end when Arrigo Sacchi, an unpopular predecessor, resigned last year, Maldini radically changed tactics from 4.4-2 to his beloved sweeper-based catenaccio. He is unbeaten since taking over and masterminded the 1-0 World Cup qualifying victory over England at Wembley in February.

This time, however, Maldini has had no time to prepare his team; the last league games in Italy took place only on Sunday. Though the tournament too far — as Alex Ferguson, the manager of Manchester United, has aptly named it — is of no ultimate significance, Maldini knows that he has created a climate of expectation in Italy, where, it is said, the national team has 50 million managers.

He cannot call on Roberto Baggio or Fabrizio Ravanelli, both in such fine form when Iraly beat Poland in their most recent match, another World Cup qualifier, in Naples. Each is injured. Also, he has a goalkeeper. Angelo Peruzzi, who could well still be in a state of distraction.

Before Juventus Borussia Dortmund in the European Cup final in Munich last week, Italy's sports papers were trumpeting Peruzzi as his team's hero, a solid



Peruzzi: distracted

event, he had a dreadful game. This, according to one Turin sports writer, was directly caused by the fact that, on the eve of the final, he was flying between Munich and Turin to attend the birth of his daughter. "Had she been born two days later. Juventus would have won the game," the journalist wrote. Quite a heavy burden for an infant to

TEAM

No doubt Peruzzi's loss of

bring into the world.

ITALY (probable, 3-5-2): A Peruzzi (Juveritus) — A Costacusta (Milan), C Fernasa (Juvenitus), F Carnasevaro (Parma) — A Di Livio (Juveritus), C Panucci (Real Madrid), R Di Matteo (Chessa), D Albertini (Milan), A Bernarrivo (Perma) — G Zola (Chelssa), C Vieri (Juvenitus) or P Castraghi (Lazo)

form, not least the way that he allowed Ricken to lob him with his first kick of the match. induced Maldini to recall Gianluca Pagliuca, but Pagliuca, the goalkeeper who, in Giants Stadium three years ago, allowed Ray Houghton's shot to drop over his head and win the game for Ireland, conceded another ghastly goal on Sunday playing for Internazionale in Bologna. Far off his line, he was helpless as Igor Shalimov's chip sailed over his head.

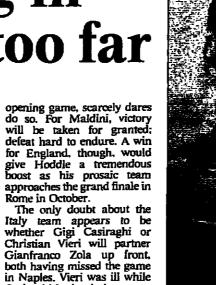
"Dino Zoff," an Italian journalist once remarked of that long-lasting goalkeeper. "has suffocated a whole generation of goalkeepers." You can see what he meant.

In contrast to Maldini, Glenn Hoddle, the England coach, has nothing to lose. He seems happy to experiment, whereas Maldini, against World Cup rivals in this

Casiraghi: powerful

had he not been unwell.

Gianpiero Maini, released by ma but fresh from the success of qualifying for the Cup Winners' Cup with Vicenza. If he takes his chance, he could well line up beside Di Matteo in



Piero, who has an injured eye, they have Parma's hugely expensive Enrico Chiesa and prolific-scoring Pippo

inzaghi, 33, was the top scorer in Serie A with far-from-fashionable Atalanta, having the remarkable haul of 24 goals. He is a formidable opportunist, fast in mind and movement, though still unproven at international level. contrast, Vieri and Casiraghi are proven at the highest level. Zola, the scorer

Casiraghi had only just come

back from injury. Both are

powerful, quick on the ground

and dangerous in the air.
Italy's depth in the attacking

positions is, indeed, remark-

able. Besides Alessandro Del

Rome in October.

at Wembley, is sure to keep England's defenders on their toes again. Maldini knows that, when Italy play in Georgia in September, their penultimate World Cup qualifying game, he will be without the Milan pair, Billy Costacurta, whom he has turned into a sweeper,

and Demetrio Albertini, the

midfield player. This tournament does give him the chance to use alternatives. Stefano Torrisi, the Bologna sweeper, has been chosen for the first time. More significant, however, may be the return, at right back, of the versatile Christian Panucci, of Real Madrid, a favourite of Maldini in his days as under-21 manager. Panucci might well have played sweeper against England at Wembley

New, too, in midfield is



Juninho heads Liverpool list

By David Maddock

THEIR season may have ended in comparative failure, but Liverpool are planning a far more successful summer campaign. Peter Robinson, the chief executive, explained yes-terday that there will be at least three more significant signings before the start of the season after the arrival of Oyvind Leonardsen.

Intriguingly, Juninho, the Middlesbrough and Brazil midfield player, could yet be one of them. Juninho has openly declared his desire to sign for Atlético Madrid. but, in three separate discussions between his father, Oswaldo, and Liverpool, he has indicated that his second choice is, perhaps surprisingly, the Anfield club.

Oswaldo is acting as his

son's agent this summer as he

negotiates an escape route from Middlesbrough. He con-tacted Liverpool initially to suggest that they are the one club in England for whom Celtic and Everton. Juninho would like to play. Given the Manchester United, that is a surprising assertion, but Juninho has always held Liverpool in high regard. Oswaldo offered a tirm undertaking that, should the Ma-

Rc5 Cae6 Rad4 Rae5

drid deal fall through, then he vould turn to Liverpool. Yesterday, it appeared a far

more likely prospect than was thought a week ago. A spokes-man for Jesus Gil, the Madrid chairman, complained that they would not be held to ransom over the fee for Juninho. Middlesbrough want £12 million, and Atlético have so far offered just £5

It is less likely that Fabrizio Ravanelli, his Middlesbrough team-mate, will move to Anfield. In talks about Juninho, Roy Evans, the Liverpool manager, was also asked if he would be interested in Ravanelli, the Italy international. Any interest was immediately doused when it was indicated that the fee would be £10 million.

Liverpool, though, have made inquiries about Tim Sherwood, the Blackburn Rovers captain. Dino Baggio. the Parma midfield player, and Jari Litmanen, of Ajax. Paul Ince also remains a

target for Liverpool. Ince, the Internazionale midfield player, has received offers from Liverpool, Newcastle United, Chelsea, Everton and Leeds United, and indicated yester-

New deal for O'Neill

MARTIN O'NEILL, the Leicester City manager, is to sign a new contract that will keep him at Filbert Street until the next millennium. O'Neill's future at Leicester had been in doubt and he had been linked to the vacancies at

With Leicester in Europe. wever, after winning the Coca-Cola Cup, and with players, directors and supporters urging him to stay. O'Neill is set to pledge his future to the club. Leicester. who finished ninth in the FA

JOHN MERRICKS, Ian Wal-

ker and crew on the Great

Britain Admiral's Cup team

Mumm 36. Bradamante,

have made a confident start to

the Corel Mumm 36 world

championships in Punta Ala.

Italy. They are lying in second

The oft-repeated but true

fact about Merricks and Walk-

er is that they are on a "very

steep learning curve" in keel

boats, having stepped into one

for the first time only last year.

However, this is becoming

increasingly irrelevant as they

demonstrate their ability to

mix it with some of the most

experienced keel boat experts

After scoring a fourteenth.

then a first and a fourth in

variable conditions on the first

day, which put them fourth

overall, they followed up yes-

terday with a consistent three

results on windward/lee-

wards of second, seventh and

In the first race of the day,

Merricks had a good start,

emerging at the windward mark for the first time in

third position behind George

LATEST POSITIONS

BT GLOBAL CHALLENGE

in the world.

position after six races.

Carling Premiership despite being favourites to go down, have called a news conference for this morning.

Manchester United will complete their pre-season preparations with a home game against Slavia Prague on Wednesday, August 6. The game is part of the deal that Old Trafford from the Czech Republic. United also plan games in Bangkok, Hong Kong and Tokyo, as well as matches in Milan and at home against Internazionale.

SAILING

Merricks maintains progress

BY EDWARD GORMAN, SAILING CORRESPONDENT

Andreadis, of Greece, on

Atalanti VIII, in second place

and Antonio Orlandi, of Italy,

on Osama, who led all the

way: but, by the downwind

turn. Merricks had got up to

second, a position that he held

almost unchallenged for the

race today, the leader on 21pts

is the German boat, Thomas I-

Punkt, owned and skippered

by Thomas Friese but steered

by Gavin Brady, of New

Zealand. Merricks is on 32pts.

with Jameson, the American

Admiral's Cup boat, third on

34pts. Orlandi is fourth on

35pts with Torben Grael, of

Meanwhile, in the double-

handed Tour of Brittany.

Marcus Hutchinson, of Great

Britain, sailing with Michel

Desjoyeaux, the French skip-per, on Sill Plein Fruit, was leading after two of the

planned eight races yesterday.

caux posted a win in boister-

ous conditions in the first race

on Sunday and then a second

place in leg two on Monday.

Last night, they were setting

Hutchinson and Desjoy-

Brazil, fifth with 37pts.

Going into the long offshore

remainder of the race.

various bids when the Italian season ends in two weeks. One man who apparently

will not be leaving his club is George Graham, the Leeds United manager. He has been linked strongly with a move to Everton, but yesterday confirmed his commitment to Leeds. "I didn't come here thinking short-term and I'm going to see the job through how ever long that takes," he Graham held talks yester-

day with Alf Inge Haaland, the Norway midfield player. whose contract with Nottingham Forest has expired. Leeds are hoping to challenge the Football Association under the Bosman ruling and sign Haaland without a fee, despite Forest's insistence that they go to a transfer tribunal.

Barnsley completed their first signing of the summer yesterday when they welcomed Lars Lees, a goalkeeper, from Bayer Leverkusen, of Germany.

Matt Clarke, the Sheffield er, who was sent off in the final game of the season, against Liverpool, has had the dismissal quoshed after David Elleray, the referee, reviewed

off on the 105-mile third leg.

from Perros Guirec to

Douarnenez, with virtually no

Other skippers in the 27-

strong Figaro-Beneteau fleet

include Thierry Dubois, a

Vendée Globe survivor, who

is eighth overall, and Damian

Foxall, of Ireland, on DHL.

who is in eleventh position.

wind forecast.

RUGBY UNION: Set Licarks a lacks a WEREF Gualdi and Gotti help to maintain

mastery MIRKO GUALDI maintained the host country's dom-inance of the Tour of Italy in Verona yesterday by winning the seventeenth stage — the twelfth stage win by an Italian cyclist in the race this year. Gualdi, 28, finished ahead

of Alessandro Pozzi, his com-patriot, with José Gonzalez Pico, of Colombia, third, to secure his best victory since he became the world amateur champion in 1990. Ivan Gotti, another Italian,

who retained the race leader's pink jersey, was content to coast in with the peloton. nearly six minutes adrift.

Court date

Athletics: Paul Edwards, the British shot putter sent home from the 1994 Commonwealth Games after failing a drugs test, hopes to return to competition on Saturday, 14 months before his four-year international ban is due to end (David Powell writes).
The High Court in London

will today hear Edwards's case against the British Athletic Federation and International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF), in which he is claiming restraint of trade under European law. His argument centres on the IAAF's decision, in March, to give early reinstatement to suspended athletes from countries where national law makes it impossible to apply four-year bans. If successful, Edwards plans to throw in the British League this weekend. ☐ Michael Johnson suffered a "severe pull in his left quadricep" in his head-tohead race with Donovan Bailey on Sunday, a spokesman for the athlete said. Johnson is struggling to be fit for the United States championships. which start on June 11 and double as the country's trials for the world championships.

Reifer's reward

Cricket: Floyd Reifer, the Barbados middle-order batsman, has won his first call-up by West Indies, for a one-day international against Sri Lanka in Port of Spain on Friday. after a record-breaking domestic season.

WEST INDIES SQUAD: C Warsh (captain). S Williams, S Chanderpaut, B Lara, C Hooper, R Holder, F Reder, J Murray, C Ambrose, L Williams, D Ramnarine, F Rose, M Dillon.

Seeds sown

Tennis: Chris Wilkinson, of Great Britain, set up a meeting with Jason Stoltenberg. the No I seed, with a straightsets victory in the first round of the Surrey grass-court championships. Wilkinson beat Nicolas Kiefer, of Germany, 6-4, 6-3.

Eddie Thomas

Boxing: Eddie Thomas, one of the outstanding postwar figures in the sport, has died. aged 70. Thomas, a welter-weight, from Merthyr Tydfil. who became British. European and Empire champion between 1949 and 1951, earned even greater fame as a manager, guiding Howard Winstone and Ken Buchanan to world

Obituary, page 23

• HEEHAN on BRIDGE

By Robert Sheehan, bridge correspondent The latest generation of bridge-playing computer programs is

the brain-child of Matt Ginsberg, who is in charge of the project along with Fred Gitelman, a Canada international and one of the hottest of bridge computer gurus. Ginsberg is no mean player himself and, when he played with

Gitelman in a pairs event, he was confronted with a problem that would have kept his program. GIB (it stands for Goren in a Box), busy for a while, East-West game

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WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

SKEIGH

a. Scant b. Spirited

EVERSION a. A fifth adaptation

c. An overthrow

An electrical occurrence

Answers on page 50

Contract: Six Spades by South

North-South had a simple Acol auction: Ginsberg opened Two Clubs and heard his partner respond Three Clubs. He bid Three Spades and, over his partner's Four Spade bid, jumped to Six

The lead of the king of hearts set Ginsberg a tough problem in percentages. He played off one top spade, noting the fall of the eight, then the top clubs (throwing a heart), and ruffed a club with the ace of spades. When the queen of clubs did not drop, he needed two more entries to dummy to set up and cash the fifth club. Should he play for

SALIAN

a. A naval officer

b. A South African lion

c. Priest of Mars in ancient Rome

a. An abusive epithet for a woman

b. A sulphur and metal compound

c. An unwilling accomplice

the remaining trumps to be 1-1, or should he play for West to hold 96?

He correctly followed the restricted choice indications (the point being that a single-ton nine or eight of spades is more likely than a doubleton nine-eight) by leading to the seven of spades and ruffing another club. Now, a spade to the ten allowed him to discard his last heart on the fifth club and he lost just one diamond trick, to register 12 tricks.

☐ Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in section on Saturday.

Ozd4

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ckb5

By RAYMOND KEENE CHESS CORRESPONDENT

McDonald wins Grandmaster Neil McDonald

has scored a great triumph in the Coulsdon international tournament, winning the event with 8/9, 2½ points clear of his nearest competitors. One of the points of the tournament was to create opportunities for players to qualify for the international master title. The international master norm was 6/9, but McDonald cut such a devastating swathe through the opposition that none of his rivals was able to reach this score.

White: Neil McDonald Black: Tim Wall Coulsdon international May 1997

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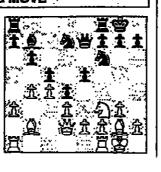
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chess Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

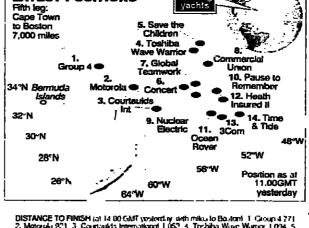
WINNING MOVE By Raymond Keene

White to play. This position is from the game Anand - Andersson, Monaco, 1997. At a high level, the win of a pawn usually spells defeat for the player who has lost it. In this game. Viswanathan Anand sported a combination to net a pawn and went on to win easily. What did he play?





☐ Raymond Keene writes on



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RUGBY UNION: FORWARDS TO LAY FIRM FOUNDATIONS FOR STRENGTH AND SPEED BEHIND SCRUM

Jenkins can set Lions backs alight

FROM DAVID HANDS IN PRETORIA

THE British Isles take to the country today, to face one of the biggest packs and meanest defences that provincial rugby in South Africa can offer: Mpumalanga (the Zulu word meaning "place where the sun rises"), formerly South-Eastern Transvaal, may not rank among the top six sides in the country, but lew teams travel to Witbank with confidence.

An hour's drive will bring the Lions to coalmining country and to the Johann van Riebeeck Stadium for the fourth match of their tour, with a combination which, in the right circumstances, could catch fire behind the scrum. The width of Neil Jenkins's passing could bring the best from Will Greenwood and Allan Bateman, while Nick Beal is anxious to make an impression from full back, his preferred position even though he was picked as a

wing for this tour. He has thrown off his tendinitis, his shin splints appear to be a figment of someone's imagination and Beal is now raring to go. "I'm looking forward to showing what I can do on a hard pitch." he said, an opinion echoed by all those who played in the

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Dave's Dependables (D Tamo)
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The Hustler (J-Huckerby)

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week: the other scores are the cumulative points scored

since the start of the season. The figures include all

matches completed by June 2. Overseas players are

shown in bold type, Rising Stars in italic.

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quagmire at East London a week ago. "I find it easier to get involved in the game from it." full back, you have space to run in, you can pick your lines. I'm looking forward to the opportunity."

The party rested yesterday after their intense training the previous day - 40 serums in 42 minutes and a dedicated lineout session in the after-noon left the match forwards drained -- but the management believes that many of the scrummaging problems have been resolved. "Any pack we put out will be as heavy as most sides we play against, but we believe Mpumalanga will be the biggest." Jim Telfer, the assistant coach, said, "So we must beat them by being better technically, by getting lower than them."

Mpumalanga, who bear Wales 47-0 two years ago, include Elandre van der Berg in their second row. He played in the back row of the Eastern Province team that played a vicious match with England during their 1904 tour, van der Berg being identified as the player whose boot sliced open Jonathan

His reputation, however, is



The move of Jenkins to stand-off half could bring the best out of the Lions centres

as a strong, supportive player rather than a violent one, and he has helped a team ranked seventh in the Currie Cup last season to a place in the semifinals of the Nite Serjes this

Western Province, whom

the Lions beat 38-21 on Saturday, heat Mpumalanga 31-17 in that tournament, but scored only one try against them, the rest of their points coming from penalty and dropped goals. They have brought in

first game of the season, but may look to the powerful boot of Reinhardt van As for points, as well as position.

The composition of the South Africa squad for the international against Tonga Gerry Gendall at centre for his next Tuesday leaves Northern

TEAMS

MPUMALANGA: Ellion Gerove J Visage RiFodgeter G Gendal, Pinel Rich All Divar 2: A Bottle, Hikman HiShari P Joseph E van der Berg, M Bottmar if Rossow, T Oosthuizen BRITISH ISLES XV: N Beal North-emptor and England, I Evans (Alanelli and Walse) A Sateman (Rotmond and Wheel W Greenwood (Newcaste and the Charles of the Common C ren, T Underwood (Newcastle and England): N Jenkins Forthpords and Waler): M Dawson Aborthampton and England): T Smith (Watsonian), and Scotland, K Wood (Hatlequins and trebna): R Walmwright (Watsonians): Amy and Stotland), G Wer (Newcastle and Scotland), J Davidson dendow from and ineland): N Back desidate and Singard). T Rodfor (Northampton Arm., and England, Capital). Refereer C Sownerberg Western

Transvaal free to play five internationals against the Lions on Saturday, though they will be without Andre Soyman. Joost van der Westhuizen, Reuben Kruger and Krynauw Ono. There is also speculation that Kobus Wiese and Hennie le Roux, the two World Cup players omitted from the party, may be-come the target for acquisitive

English clubs. "I have had offers from overseas and have put them on hold temporarily," Wiese, 33 and canned 18 times at lock. said. "but this is the last straw. If I cannot make a national squad of 27, my future does not seem to be here."

However, Carel du Plessis, the new South Africa couch. has emphasised that both players, who are contracted to the South African Rugby Fontball Union, may be restored if their performances against the Lions warrant it. "Players of quality can come again and perform at test level," du Plessis said.

Catt's departure leaves Rowell in a quandary

FROM MARK SOUSTER IN MENDOZA

JUST when things were going so well for England in Argentina, the player whose inspirarional form had done so much to make the first half of the tour a success was whisked away to join the British Isles squad in South Africa.

Until Mike Carr's enforced departure, the game against Cuyo in Mendoza last night had little bearing on the shape of the international team. Suddenly, however, this last midweek fixture assumed huge relevance as Jack Rowell began the delicate task of rebuilding his back division before the second meeting with Argentina on Saturday.

The loss of his first-choice stand-off half means that Rowell must choose between several possible permutations at full back and No to for the decisive international in Buenos Aires. The match last night against Cuyo, who, without Federico Mendez and Richard Grau, both former players, are the weakest of Argentina's provincial sides, will have helped to clarify Rowell's thinking, but the arrival of Jon Callard, Catt's

replacement, today complicates the picture still further. Mark Mapletoft played at full back against Cuyo last night, with Alex King at standoff half, but only one of those two will play against Argentina on Saturday. The fact that Callard has been called up suggests that England have grave concerns about the reliability of Mapletoft and King - who, to add to his problems, has a nagging groin injury as the front-line goalkickers.

Mapletoft has recovered well from his unhappy experiences in the game against Buenos Aires, however, and the likelihood is that he will revert to his club position and play at No l0 on Saturday, with Jim Mailinder remaining as international full back and Callard on the bench.

It would be a grave injustice if Mallinder were to lose his place through no fault of his own. It would not help morale, which has been such an important factor in the success of the tour. Yet King offers a more physical presence at stand-off half and England might opt for him and Callard, It is, indeed, a quandary that will tax Rowell over the next 48 hours.

Steve Diamond, of Sale, arrived here less than three hours before the game yesterday and was immediately taken to Mendoza rugby club's ground to make his debut. It was asking a lot of the abrasive hooker, but he, no doubt, relished being a part of the midweek team whose performance against Argentina A last Tuesday helped to inspire England to their impressive victory in the first internation al last weekend.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Australians

ready to

rule world

By CHRISTOPHER IRVINE

AT THE risk of sounding

unpatriotic. Andy Gregory, the Salford Reds coach.

yesterday predicted that an

Australian side would win the

world club championship,

which kicks off in both hemi-

Gregory, the winner of one-

matches with Wigan, in 1987

and 1991, said: "I can't see an

English side winning the com-

petition. Brisbane Broncos

will be favourites and I

wouldn't be surprised if two

Australian clubs were in the

club we have to an Australian

outfit, with size, strength and

pace in almost every position.

They are brimming with confidence. Wigan are also coming back to form at the right time

We are closing the gap on the Australians, but aren't quite there yet at club level. Another 12 months is likely to make a

As Gregory is in the frame for the Great Britain coaching ob, and the performance of

British teams in the world

club championship will have

an important bearing on who is appointed, his words will be

weighed carefully. However,

they merely echo the thinking of the bookmakers, who rate

the four leading Australasian

Super League sides — Bris-

bane, Canberra, Cronulla and

Canterbury — as better bets

Eric Hughes, the Wigan coach. has emerged as another

candidate for the Great Brit-

ain coach's job, but his imme-

diate concern were the smaller, more rounded balls used in Australia: an emergency supply was hurriedly

sent down to Canterbury.

where Wigan first play. After

the rioting there by several

hundred supporters after the

victory this week by Penrith.

Hughes is grateful, too, for the

extra security measures for the match next Monday at

Since their arrival, London

Belmore Oval.

than Wigan or Bradford.

Bradford are the nearest

spheres on Friday.

final.

THE LEADING 100 ENTRIES IN THE TIMES INTERACTIVE TEAM CRICKET GAME

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All-rounders (147-185)

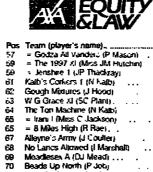
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INTERACTIVE TEAM CRICKET SCOREBOARD



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Wicketkeepers (186-216)

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Geraghty thinks Kim's Best

MR D. GERAGHTY, of Coventry, is the winner of the monthly prize for the Interactive Team Cricket

His team, Kim's Best, has scored 6.874 points in the competition so far. Mr D. Evans, of Leeds, wins the weekly prize. His team, White Rose Runners, scored 2.361 points this week.

Mr Geraghty's prize is a photograph from the player Richard Hadlee, signed and framed, a first edition of the PCA Year Book '97, signed by members of the Professional Cricketers' Association, and two tickets for a day at one of this summer's Test matches and £500.

Mr Evans receives a signed and framed England



cricket shirt, a first edition of the PCA Year Book '97. signed by members of the Professional Cricketers' Association, and two tickets for a day at one of this summer's Test matches.

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Broncos' Australian plavers have had to withstand scorn and derision that they were not good enough to earn places at home. London return to Brisbane, their mother club, in hope rather than expectation of beating them on Friday.

Were London to beat Brisbane, the competition would be off to the best possible start. Brisbane have named nine internationals in their team. "It's a good side, a great side. but we're not overawed," Tony Currie, the London coach, said.

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Chance to enter world of mystery

SIMON BARNES



Midweek View

To enter any aspect of the horsey life is to enter a world of mystery. That is as true for once-a-year Derby punters as it is for grand prix dressage riders, brewers' draymen, weekend riders and racehorse trainers but the mystery of mysteries is breeding.

Why don't people ride ze-bras? I have been asked that question a thousand times in the heart of the African bush, and I always reply airily: "Oh, it's nothing that 100,000 years of selective breeding couldn't put right." Horses - thoroughbred, shire, Cleveland Bay, New Forest pony — all have about them something of human artefact, and all have

something untouchably wild. At racing yards, they do not call horses by their names. Earlier this spring, I had the joy of watching the two-yearolds gallop for the first time at John Dunlop's yard in Arundel "That's a Shirley

Answers from page 48

Scenes of joy at Epsom after the Derby, the ultimate goal for would-be breeders. Now the dream may not be as distant

Heights . . . this next one is out of a nice Sadler's Wells mare By their pedigree you

shall know them. As the runners parade before the Derby at Epsom on Saturday, most of us will see a file of horses, each in its way bewilderingly lovely; but those who know, those who have begun to penetrate the mystery of mysteries, will see not an individual, but also sire and dam, grandsire, the significant sire on the distaff side, on and on back into the mists

WORD WATCHING

(c) Of or pertaining to the Salii or priests of Mars in ancient Rome. Also the name of a tribe of Franks who inhabited a region near the Zuyder Zee, and to whom the ancestors of the Merovingian dynasty belonged. Ancient Dutchmen. From the

Latin sali-us usually used in the substantive plural salii, literally

(a) An opprobious epithet for a woman. Warner (1596): "How

(b) Of horses: Inclined to shy, skittish, mettlesome, spirited. Of

persons, especially women. Hence, shy, coy, disdainful, proud.

(c) The action of overthrowing the condition of being

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

clear pawn; while I, ... Bxg2; 2, Nf5 Qet; 3, Qg5 also wins a pawn.

meaning "leapers, dancers" from the verb salre to leap.

tedious were a Shroe, a Sloy, a Wanton or a Foole.

overthrown: an overthrow, overturning.

of generation, horse upon horse upon horse, parading in the paddock as giants in time. Racing is about the seeking of the inner ring: the urge to penetrate from outside into the elusive heart of things. It is also about anticipation, the fizz before the race; so much more reliable than the uncertain pleasures of afterwards. The fizz can be purchased for the price of a bet.

If you seek longer and keener anticipation, and the penetration to a deeper level of the equine mystery, then becoming an owner is the thing. Expensive, of course, but these days there are hundreds of schemes for joint-ownership. shares, racing clubs. The pleasures of ownership have been democratised.

The way to penetrate still deeper into the mystery, and to stretch still further the delights of anticipation, is to become a breeder. There are two drawbacks to this: one, it can be crucifyingly expensive; two. such a course is available only to the horsiest of horsey insiders.

However, as Dunlop's twoyear-olds skittered and spooked after their inaugural gallop, half mightily made up by their achievements, half alarmed at their own abilities, I, Nxd4! and, if Black recaptures the knight, then 2, Bxb7 nets White a | I heard about a scheme, put together by Dunlop and the

National Stud in Newmarket, to democratise breeding. Under the scheme, you can

buy a five-year interest in ten broodmares for £750. Thus the anticipation begins. On to the selection of stallions, the primal event itself, the birth of the crazy-legged foals, their brief idyllic summer, their sale, and on to their training, even while the stallion selection, and with it the whole cycle, begins again. Then to the racing of the progeny, and on and on. perhaps with the progeny entering the breeding stock of the thoroughbred nation. Members might even make a

There is nothing more life-enhancing than young horses; in their own wild selves, in the wild and generally demented hopes that are invested in them. Ten minutes at the National Stud will tell you that. "I gotta a young horse," Charlie Whittingham, the American trainer, once told me, having then just turned 80. "No one with a young horse ever committed suicide."

I would certainly have joined the Breeders Club myself, but I am a breeder already, and I still get letters from Weatherbys to prove it, letters that begin, enchantingly, "Dear Breeder, ..." I have even been congratulated on my canniness in sire selection, in going for the vigorous outcross.

Needless to say, it was a complete fluke, and perhaps the most wonderfully joyous thing I have ever done with horses, and I have done a few. The plan was to sell the foal on at six months. He is now five and just starting to jump, even with the considerable handicap of having me on his back while he does so. He is, breeding fans, a son

of Sykes, a grandson of Meadow Court, who won the King George and the Irish Derby. and who, in the same year at psom, was second in the Derby to the swiftest thing ever seen on four legs bar a cheetah, the great Sea Bird. Odd to think that my young horse, a strapping galoot named Bullseye, is also a giant in time, also part of the mystery of mysteries.

Racing is not about watching, it is about participating. My horse, you say, having placed your bet, cheap admission to the mysteries and joys. But the most profound level of participation in racing is through breeding. Dear Breeder, . . .

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EQUESTRIANISM

Phillips to

help new

Pony Club

By Jenny MacArthur CAPTAIN Mark Phillips, who

ast year rejected the chance to train the Great Britain three-

day event team in order to fulfil his obligations to the

United States team, has ac-

cepted a training role in Britain's "new, liberated Pony Club," which was launched in London yesterday under the presidency of the Duke of

Phillips's appointment to the training committee follows the Pony Club's emergence as

parent body, earlier this year. Founded in 1929 to pro-

mote instruction in riding and

manship," the Pony Club has kept pace with those ideals,

but not with the growing number who ride. There are 364 branches involving 36,000 members, out of an estimated 500,000 riders in Britain

between the ages of five

expensive pony. Dawn

riders who do not have their own ponies, have been drawn

schemes to raise capital are

Phillips, who said that his

Too many children don't

Edinburgh.

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A moving political interview

BBC2, 7.05pm

Public figures who break down on television are guaranteed a footnote in the history of the medium. Nobody who saw it all those years ago can forget how Gilbert Harding was reduced to tears when asked about the death of his mother. Peter Mandelson's little weep happens in an uncannily similar context, except that it is sparked by memories of losing his father. The display of grief is all the more poignant coming after Mandelson's revelation that he and his dad used to argue fiercely about the direction of Labour Party oolicy. revealed that he and his dad used to argue fiercely about the direction of Labour Party policy. Mandelson followed his mother, the moderate, rather than his father, a supporter of Militant. Mum is the daughter of Herbert Morrison, which gave young Mandelson an early taste of Labour politics. His bother is a clinical psychologist. Just like Oliver language who conducts the intention. like Oliver James, who conducts the interview.

Anxiety Altack

Last year, passengers on a flight from Majorca refused to allow a British couple and their five-year-old daughter on to the plane because the girl had had meningitis. That the disease had been caught and cured made no difference, but meningrating and not others. The first programme in a three-part series tries to establish how health scares originate and why they feature some conditions and not others. The key, it is suggested, the terrories the scares originate to establish how health scares originate and why they feature some conditions and not others. The key, it is suggested, the conditions are to the profile because is the media. Meningitis gets a high profile because the victims are often children, and children make a good human interest story. Newspapers also feed on uncertainty, as in the scare over the dangers of baby milk, for which there was no hard evidence.

University Challenge

BBC2, 8.00pm

As the student quiz prepares to sign off for another series, its entertainment value remains undiminished. A show that has run this long clearly has ministed. A show that has run trus long clearly has a perfect format. It is not just the range of questions, some of them wonderfully obscure even to reasonably well-stocked minds, but the possibility for a team to be 100 points adrift with

Peter Mandelson (7.05pm, BBC2)

time ticking by and still recover to win. Jeremy Paxman's blunt interventions, particularly his contempt for hopelessly wrong answers, add to the fun. The final tonight is between Magdalen College, Oxford, and the Open University. The OU team has grabbed the headlines for running up the biggest score in the competition and fielding the oldest contestant, but Magdalen's young quartet, quick on the buzzer and knowledgeable with it, have advanced impressively. have advanced impressively.

ns: Bertrand Russell BBC2, 9.00pm

20/20: A View of the Century

Radio 4, 7.45pm

BBC2, 9.00pm

The concluding part of Denys Blakeway's absorbing profile explores the paradox of public sage and private monster. One of Russell's granddaughters sets the theme: "I am fed up with people saying what a great humanitarian he was, when he didn't begin with charity at home. Everyone I knew as family wound up crazy or dead." The last statement is an exaggeration, but not much of one. Russell's gift for destroying his own family is matched only by his international reputation as a great thinker and moralist, though his best-known book, A History of Western Philosophy, is dismissed by Professor Roger Scruton as "lamentable". There is praise, though, for Russell's principled stand against nuclear weapons and we hear from Ralph Schoenman, the weapons and we hear from Raiph Schoenman, the American criticised for manipulating Russell in his

A reader complained to me that the thing wrong with this series is Michael Ignatieff, the presenter:

Why did it have to be an American? To which one

can only respond: Why not? Today, ignatieff argues that the computer is bringing a new industrial revolution, not only changing the way we work but also sweeping away the moral heritage of earlier industrial change. I am sceptical as the content of the property of of the propert

to the extent of change that computers will bring, because people are generally gregarious and computers can be isolating, but there is no question that technology has changed the jobs landscape, which will cause problems if we do not create a facility transfer or the same of the problems.

highly trained and flexible workforce — but there will still be floors to sweep.

Peter Barnard

WORLD SERVICE

All times in BST. News on the hour. 6.90am Newsday 6.30 Europe 7.15 World Today 7.45 Sports International 8.15 Oil the Shell 8.30 Merician Live 9.10 Pause for Thought 9.15 Concert Hall 10.05 Business 10.15 Farming 10.30 Science File 10.45 Sport 11.30 One Planet 12.30pm Sport 1.00 News in German 1.05 Business 1.15 Britain 1.30 Wildtrack 1.30 Sport 2.00 Newshour 3.05 Outlook 3.30 Megamix 4.05 Sport 4.15 Performance 4.30 News in German 5.00 Europe 5.30 Business 5.45 Britain 6.15 World Today 6.30 News in German 6.45 Sport 7.30 The Works 8.01 Outlook 8.25 Pause for Thought 8.30 Multitrack 9.00 Newshour 10.05 Business 10.16 Britain Today 10.30 On Screen 11.30 World Today 11.45 Sport 12.05am Outlook 12.30 Multitrack 1.30 From Our Own Correspondent 1.45 Britain 2.30 Omnibus 3.30 Meridian

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CLASSIC FM

4.00am Mark Griffiths 7.00 Mike Read 9.00 The Hall of Fame Hour 19.00 Henry Kelly 1.00pm Lunchtime Concerto. Vivaldi (Bassoon Concerto No 7 in A minor RV 497); Bruch (Concerto for Clarinet & Viola in E minor) 3.00 Jamie Crick, 7.00 Classic Newsnight 7.30 Sonata. Remecke (Fluie Sonata Op 167. Undine) 8.00 Evening Concert. Ravel (Botero, Prano Concerto in G major); Debussy (Danse Sacree et Danse Protane); Part (Te Deum), Stoekus (Symphony No 7 in C major, Op 105) 10.00 Michael Mappin 1.00am Lunchtime Concerto (r)

VIRGIN RADIO

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RADIO CHOICE

A Good Read

Radio 4 (FM only), 10.00am The return of the series in which celebrities talk about their favourite reading. It may not be the most original idea, but it has worked, for the most part, surprisingly well because the guests are chosen for their interest in books rather than on the basis of their celebrity and the hope that their favourite book does not turn out to be the only one that they have read. Of course, there is always the chance that we shall learn something of interest about the guests themselves. The first programme features Terry Wogan and Edwina Currie, both of whom have chosen books with an Irish flavour. Currie's choice is Felicity's Journey, by William Trevor, and Wogan selects Frank McCourt's novel of childhood, Angela's Ashes.

7.00mm Mark Radcitte and Boy Lard 9.00 Simon Mayo 12.00 Jo Whitey 2.00pm Nicky Campbell 4.00 Kevin Greening 6.15 Novsbeat 6.30 Evening Sesson 8.30 Global Update 8.40 John Peel 10.30 Claire Sturgess 1.00am Charlie Jordan 4.00 Clive Warren

RADIO 1

RADIO 2

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RADIO 5 LIVE

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6.00am On Air, with Penny Gore. Includes Janacek (String Quartet No 1, Kreutzer Sonata); Cimerosa (Chi per Peta mi Dice; Doh, Parlale, Il Sacrificio d'Abramo)

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9.00 Morning Collection. Includes Boyce (Symphony in D. Op 2 No 5): Mozart (Piano Sonata in A minor, K310). Spohr (Nonet in F. Op 31)

10.00 Musical Encounters, with Piers Burton-Page. Includes Palestinna (Missa Aelema Christi Muneral: Pitzner (Symphony No 2): Schumann (Three Romances, Op 94): Nielsen (Overture. Hetus): Warlock (The Curlew)

12.00 Composer of the Week: Divoriák Abroad

1.00pm News; Volces at the Wigmore Hall. The first of seven recidals given at the Wigmore Hall. The first of seven recidals given at the Wigmore Hall in London Nathan Berg, bantone, and Julius Drake, piano. Schumann (Lied eines Schmeides; Meine Rose; Die Schner: Requiem. Seven Songs, Op 90). Scheock (Waldersamkeit; Kürze Fahrt, Eichendorft Lieder, Op 30, Im Wandern.

Fichendorff Lieder, Op 30, Im Wandern, Nachklang; Auf dem Rhein); Schumenn (Dichterhöbe) 2.00 Midweek Cholce, with Susan Sharpe, I

(Dichterhebe)

2.00 Midweek Choice, with Susan Sharpe, includes Bernstein (Glorin; Meditation No 2, Mass), Harison (Symphony No 2, Romantic), Ellington (Three Dances, Black, Brown and Beigge)

4.00 Choral Evensong, From Winchester Cathedral, organist and master of the music David Hill 5.00 Music Machine; Music for Spaces

5.15 in Turne, with Joremy Nicholas Includes Elgar (Pomp and Circumstance March No 5 in C), Moore (When Ho Who Adores Thee); Tchaktovsky, air Pabsi (Paraphrase on Sleeping Beauty)

6.00 Rush Hour Concert, Fiona Talkington presents the second of eight concerts live from the Wigmore Hall, London, Brindisi Quarter.

Beethoven (String Quartet in B flat, Op 18 No 6); Janacek (String Quartet No 2, Intimate Letters) 7.00 Cocktalls. Dajos Bela with his orchestre and vocalists Richard Tauber and Leo Monosson; Tommy Dorsey with singer and dancer Eleanor

7.30 BBC Philhermonic, Concert conducted by Sakari BBC Philinarmonic. Concert conducted by sakar Oramo, who succeeds Sir, Simon Rattle as princ-ipal conductor of the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra. His wife, Anu Komsi, soprano, is soloist in Lutoslawski's song cycle, written to texts by Robert Desnos. Lindberg (Away, In Memonam Lutoslawski); Lutoslawski (Chante-tleuss et Chantelables); Saariano (Du Cristal), Nelsen (Symphony Mn 4, Ingetin published).

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8.55 A Wet Handle. Third in a five-part selection of
songs, stories and poems by the humorist lyor Curlier, with Craig Murray-Orr and Allison O'Kill

9.10 The Mitan Collection. Presented by David
Fallows. Orlando Consort, Robert Harre-Jones,
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10.00 Ensemble, Penny Gore introduces a recital by the Marais Ensemble with narrator Simon James, including Martin Butler's settings of Roald Dahl

10.45 Night Waves, Palnch' Winght reviews Confessions of a Philosopher by Bryan Mague, Plus a report from the Oucen Elizabeth Hall where the poet James Fenton is collaborating with the composer Dominic Muldowney in Image Music Text

11.30 Composer of the Week: Kongold (f)

12.30am Jazz Notes. Digby Farweather and Alyn Shipton review now jazz releases

1.00 Through the Night, with Donald Macleod

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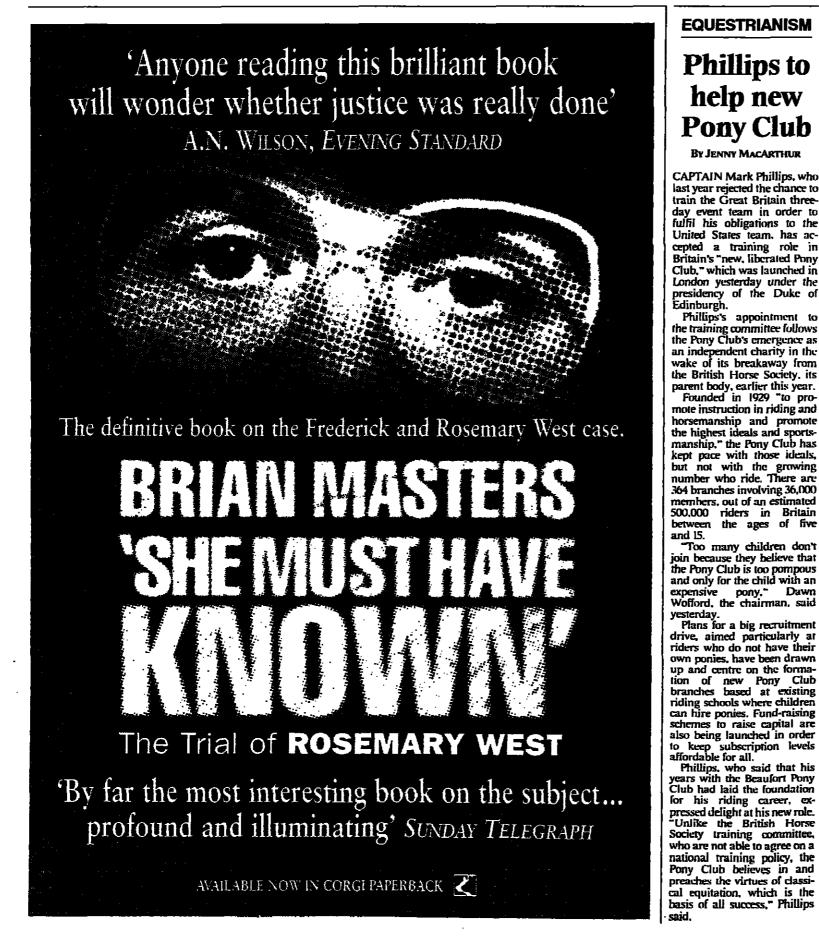
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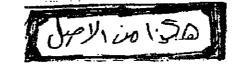
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first round of the nationwide general knowledge
quiz reaches: the North of England Chaired by
Robert Robinson (r)
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 Face the Facts, with John Waite and his
dedicated team of investigators
7.45 20/20 A View of the Century. See Choice
8.30 Your Place or Mine? A series of documentains
lelling stories that cross boundaries of geography
and generation. This week young dancers prepare
for the World Junior Baltroom Championship
under the spottights at Blackpool (4/8)
9.00 Eurieka! Barbara Myers talks to Dr Anne McLaren
whose work on mouse embryos in the 1950s was
the foundation for in vitro tertilisation (3/4)
9.30 Kaleldoscope (r) 9.59 Weather
10.00 The World Tonight, with Robin Lusting
10.45 Book at Bedttime: A Month in the Country, by
J.t. Carr, read by Samuel West (8/8) (r)
11.00 Twenty Players. A new peries of fictional sporting
heroes begins with John Motson telling the story
of the football tactician and part-time
archaeologist "Ample "Arthur Canwright
11.15 The Mahasthys. Part one of Karl MacDermott's calpart comedy series by Bill Dare Staming Robert
Duncan and Julia Hills (r)
12.00 News 12.30am The Lete Book: The
Information. William Nighty reads Martin Amis's
novel Abridged by Novitle Teller (3/15) (f)

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rude that the creator of

Babe might feel towards the

animal that made him a million-

aire, but really likes them. And he

thinks they are smart: "Inside that

skull there's a sentient being

looking back and thinking 'here's

Another odd-looking cove. Pro-lessor Stanley Curtis, of Penn State

University, likes pigs too, and his

aim in life is to go one better, not

just to believe that pigs are

intelligent, but to prove it. That task was the subject of last night's

OED: Move Over Babe! (BBCI),

which, if I may confuse my species

briefly, was a veritable puppy-dog

of a film, forever rolling on its back

and waving its legs in the air in its

And, but for a rather precious

narration provided by Miriam

Margoyles (who was the voice of Fly, the sheepdog, in the movie), it

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SKY NEWS

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Worldwide news coverage, with bulleting on the hour, 24 hours a day, seven days a week

5.00m The Girl from Petrovica (1974) (3326) 8.00 The Cheirman (1969) (5201094) 9.45 The 300 Spertans (1962) (49920) 11.45 Apollo 13 (1995) (8431159) 2.05pm Almost Summer (1976) (2119007) 3.35 Kalèticascope (1966) (687471) 5.30 Rough Diamonds (1994) (39742) 7.00 Cops and Robbersons (1994) (78891) 9.00 Apodio 13 (1995) (60896520) 11.20 Sessal Outlaws (1995) (958278) 1.00am Jalibreakers (1995) (1591282) 2.20 Fight for Austice The Nance Corn Story (1995) (3723245) The Namey Corn Story (1995) (3723245) 3.50 Before the Night (1995) (74761921)

Could bacon really have been Shakespeare? ick King-Smith likes pigs. was Its stars were Hamlet, Om-not just the token grati-elette and Streaky, names that while the other (is an ability to play made you hope that if pigs really are intelligent, they haven't yet mastered sick jokes. Streaky was training to be a sheepdog, while Hamlet and Omelette had just, according to Margoyles, been enrolled as "the first two scholars at pig academy". They were to play computer games: you know, Sty-

master, Tank-sow, Dungeons and Troughs, the usual piggy stuff, Encouraged by chocolate and aided by a joystick specially adapted for porcine snouts, the pigs made rapid progress, rivalling the rival chimpanzees from Atlanta and leaving Lex, the anxious-looking control dog, far behind, stuck for eternity on a canine learning plateau. Why wouldn't they just ask him to fetch it, in-

Of the two difficult questions prompted by this research, one was asked ('so, do we carry on

while the other (is an ability to play computer games any measure of intelligence, anyway?) was acknowledged only in passing by King-Smith, who confessed he'd never master one in 100 years.

interestingly, we left both men harbouring the same ambi-tion. Curtis's ultimate goal is to have a conversation with a pig and already he's hard at work. "synthesising the known repertoire of pig vocalisations". Likewise King-Smith: "Perhaps one day a pig might say something to me." Such as: "where's my slice of the royalties. Dick?"

One of the many endearing habits the piggy stars had was snuffling their snouts over the camera lens, a trick they no doubt learnt in Hollywood, where there is a long soft-focus tradition of smearing the lens to help an ageing star hang on to her looks. The REVIEW



reason I mention it is that it was perhaps the only piece of trickery that David Odd, director of photography, didn't use in the final episode of Touching Evil (ITV).

Bond

I lost count of the number of episodes of Soldier, Soldier 1 sat through thinking that what we really needed was for darkness and a thick fog to descend on Robson Green. But now, having seen my dream realised, I have to

lights on, the blinds up and the smoke machine given back to the people who make pop videos. The blue light should be on the police station, not throughout it.

Style was everything as DI Dave Creegan (Green) went in search of Amathus, his Internet murderer. Case conferences were a succession of flawless speeches, where the slide projector never jammed. Dressing-downs were all shot in profile, just like an old Abba video. It is tempting to presume that such a surfeit of style masked an absence of content, but with Paul

Abbott, the writer, back at the controls there was no chance of that, It was clever, complex (so complex, in fact, I'm still not sure who Amathus actually wast but it was also rather derivative. There were eclines of Silence of the Lambs as we discovered that the bodies were being mutilated in a way first used by a prostitute,

confess I was wrong. Let's have the currently serving umpteen life sentences for murder. The police needed her help. Linda Henry (on day release from Born to Run) played Justine, a tart with several spare hearts, no taste for fava beans but an astonishing turn of speed on four-inch heels.

> There were echoes, too, of Reservoir Dogs, as Kreitman held a gun to Stoker's head and Creegan held a gun to Kreitman's head. Unfortunately Stoker, being in custody, was not holding a gun to anybody's head which, in the game of Mexican stand-off, can be an expensive mistake.

But perhaps most tellingly, there were echoes of Cracker, for which Abbott wrote several stories. For increating the deranged and doomed Kreitman, policeman-turned-vigilante. Abbott had simply given us another Jimmy Beck, the guiltridden policeman-turned-rapist Cranitch, Creegan and Co have already been commissioned for another series, in which I hope the excellent Nicola Walker and Michacl Feast get more to and the lights stay on throughout.

Finally, to EastEnders (BBC1). where Tony's foray into newspa-pers is still causing serious pain to every journalist I know. No doubt there are publicans who feel the same way about Peggy, or markettraders who scoff incredulously at Sanjay. But Tony, the intrepid reporter? Last night Simon finally found out about the break-in at the Cobra Club. Tony's improbable response was to seize the moral high ground: "It's my job. It's investiga-tive journalism." Simon, bless him, was unconvinced: "That's how you see yourself, is it: some Fleet Street scumbag in training? It's the poxy Walford Gazette and you're the ten-boy," But for the

BBC1 .-6.00am Business Breaktast (59839) 7.00 BBC Breakfast News (54297) 9.00 Breakfast News Extra (59384) 9.20 Style Challenge (38-19568)

₹9,45 Kitroy (1) (9393655) 10.30 Can't Cook, Won't Cook (79487) 11.00 News and weather (T) (2454617) 11.05 Real Rooms An air of the Cambbean is brought to a Wolverhampton sitting room (7375810)

11.35 The Great Escape (4771094) 12.00 News (T) and weather (1914742) 12.05pm Call My Bluff (5123346) 12.35 Neighbours (4987162) 1.00 News (T) and weather (57384) 1.30 Regional News (T) (15041433)

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3.30 Playdays (r) (5550094) 3.50 Monster Cafe (r) (3952162) 4.05 The New Yogi Bear Show (r) (2933164) 4.10 Gadget Boy (9206278) 4.35 Out of Tune (r) (T) (6272742) 5.00 Newsround (T) (8994655) 5.10 Blue Peter (T) (7724758)

5.35 Neighbours (r) (T) (230013) 6.00 News (T) and weather (891) 6.30 Regional News Magazine (471) 7.00 Antiques Roadshow Hugh Scully looks

back at selected editions from the programme's years on the road (4162) 7.30 Tomorrow's World Includes a report on a new device to detect eve disease and news about a gene that makes people

obese (655) 8.00 The National Lottery Live Carol Vorderman presents. Music is provided by Jon Secada (T) (112891)

8.15 Fireflighters A behind-the-scenes look at two of Liverpool's busiest fire crews. Tonight, White Watch are called to a fire at the bottom of a railway embankment. (T) (515094)

8.50 Points of View Viewers' opinions on BBC programmes (7) (735891)

9.00 News (T) and weather (1297) 9.30 Backup When one of three escaped convicts is recaptured, the police operational support team is called in to

find the other two (1) (190000)

10.25 The X Files: Sleepless Just before dying, an expert in sleep disorders rings to report a fire Although the authorities fail to detect any trace of a fire, his body shows signs of having been burnt alive. But his liesh is not charred (r) (T) (519452) 11.10 Parallax View (1974) Political thriller starring Warren Beatty which draws parallels with the Kennedy assassination. Directed by Alan J. Pakula (T) (312452)

12.50am A Professional Gun (1968) with Franco Nero, Jack Palance and Tony Musante. A gunslinger helps to smuggle silver across the American border during the Mexican Revolution, then sets out with another critter on a trail of robbery and violence Directed by Sergio

2.30-2.35 Weather (7443817)

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BBC2 6.00am O.U.: Relational Concepts (3518094) **6.25** The Way to Holmes (3660029) **6.50** Ecological Predictions (T)

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1.00 Lifeschool Extra (23454988) 1.25 Zig Zag (90106471) 1.45 Come Outside (15051810) 2.00 Philbert the Frog (i)

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6.00 Star Trek: The Next Generation (i) (1) (164758)

7.05 CHOICE The Chair Peter Mandelson, MP (115568)



Paxman and finalists (8.00pm)

8.00 Challenge University Challenge Jeremy Paxman chairs the final between Magdalen College, Oxford, and the Open University (T) (1452) 8.30 Home Front The transformation of Mill

Cottage continues (T) (3487)

10.00 Yes, Prime Minister (r) (T) (89810) 10.28 Video Nation Shorts (364891) 10.30 Newsnight (T) (578365) 11.15 Ruby Chat with Joanna Lumley, Richard

E Grant, Alan Davies (803723) 11,55 Weather (359742) 12.00 The Midnight Hour (83650)

series 5.30 Voluntary Matters: Managing

7.30 Teenage Mutant Hero Turtles (i) (T) i6155433) 7.55 Activ-8 (T) (2347094) 8.20 Philbert the Frog (t) (8380181) 8.25

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12.30 pm Working Lunch (15723)

(65438574) 2.05 Buzzy Bee and Friends (r) (66888015)

6.45 The Ren and Stimpy Show (1) (311520)

7.30 CHOICE Anxiety Attack (1/3) Jolyon Jenkins investigates the phenomenon of the health scare (1)



9.00 CHOICE Reputations: Bertrand Russell — the Terror of Madness Concluding the revealing portrail of the philosopher (T) (6013)

12.30am Learning Zone; O.U.: Apples, Risks and Recriminations (I) 1.30 Newton's Revolution (I) 2.00 Teaching Today 4.00 English Heritage 4.30 Unicel in the Classroom 5.00 Basic Skills, Last in

6.00am GMTV (9792471)

9.25 Supermarket Sween (c) (T) (3920487) 9.55 Regional News (T) (4534520)

10.00 The Time, the Place (49425) 10.30 This Morning (65988160) 12.20pm Regional News (1010/25n)

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5.40 News (T) and weather (473891) 6.00 Home and Away (r) (T) (464926) 6.25 HTV Weather (703452) 6.30 The West Tonight (T) (839) 7.00 Emmerdale Zoe forces Kim to explain

her disappearance to the police (T) (458) 7.30 Coronation Street Rita has shocking news for Bill and the VAT-man drops a bombshell on the Duckworths (T) (723)



Dustin Hoffman stars (8.00pm)

8.00 Accidental Hero (1992) Dustin Hoffman stars as a petty crook who single-handedly rescues the survivors of a plane crash and then disappears, leaving an aimless dritter to take the credit Also with Geena Davis, Andy Garcia and Joan Cusack, Directed by Stephen Frears (T) Followed by Lottery Result (4891)

10.00 News (T) and weather (83636) 10.30 Regional News (T) (952433) 10.40 The International Match: England v

Italy Bob Wilson presents highlights of the Tournoi de France match. Commentary by Brian Moore and Kevin Keedan 11.40 Tropical Heat (260094)

1.10 Real Stories of the Highway Patrol (2905259)

Championship (77650)

2.00 Tomboy (1985) with Betsy Russell, Jerry
Dinome and Kristi Somers Romantic
drama about the relationship that Directed by Herb Freed (837281)

5.00 Coronation Street (r) (T) (35698)

5.30 News (88105)

12.35am Collins and Maconle's Movie Club

1.30 Jersey European Open Bowl

develops between a tomboy garage mechanic and her motor-racing hero 3.35 Not Fade Away (r) (9743563) 4.30 The Time, the Place (r) (59766)

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6.25-7.00 Central News (508723) 11.40 Swift Justice (280094)

12.35am Jody Horowitz Reports (1082105) 12.40 Dating the Enemy (6120650)

1.40 Bonkers (2553582) 2.40 The Chart Show (6542969) 3.35 Comedy Central (9743563)

4.30 Central Jobfinder '97 (8283853)

WESTCOUNTRY

5.20 Asian Eye (4687921)

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1.20-1.50 Emmerdale (23450162) 5.10-5.40 Home and Away (8281452) 6.00-7.00 Westcountry Live (27568) 11.40 Swift Justice (260094)

MERIDIAN

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6.00 Meridian Tonight (87) 6.29 Pollen Count (703452) 6.30-7.00 Spirit of the South: Waterlines

11.40 The Bottom Line (380452) 12.10am Campus Cops (8750679) 5.00 Freescreen (35698)

ANGLIA

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2.10 Altred Hitchcock Presents (8/5))6/9) S4C

Starts: 6.00 Sesame Street (42549) 7.00 The Big Breakfast (47907) 9.00 Bewitched (93013) 9.30 Ysgolion (992723)

12.00 House to House (80549) 12.30pm Ricki Lake (52461) 1.00 Slot Melthrin (10692723)

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3.30 Collectors' Lot (617) 4.00 Fifteen-to-One (452) 4.30 Dosh (636)

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7.00 Pobol y Cwm (101365) 7.25 Garej (603162) 8.00 Diwrnod Gyda: Caryl Parry Jones (5520)

8.30 Newyddion (5655) 9.00 Spin City (4907) 9.30 Roseanne (20655)

10.00 Brookside (884278)

10.35 ER (661100) 11.30 Caroline in the City (90159) 12.00am Under the Moon (6990476)

6.00am Sesame Street The guest is Whooping coloring (n. 142549) **7.00** The Big Breat/ast 147907) **9.00** Bewildned (n. 17) 930131

9.30 Schools: Geograph, Junction (4409075) **9.45** Book Box (4500788) **10.00** Stage Two Science (7795177) **10.15** TV — Frichaid: Pos (1**036**39) **10.45** (3) (v.) — Is 1 Fo: You? | 736**83**65) **11.07** Lost Animats 2460278: **11.15** The Mix (1490729) **11.30** Rene-Tar-Tar (4622471) **11.45**

Backtrocks (4627926)(Ť) 12.00 House to House Political magazine 36549. **12.30pm** Light Lunch With Magnus Magnusson (14907) **1.30** Lemming Aid (r) (15058723)

1.45 Captain Boycott (1947, b/w) with Stewart Granger and Cecil Parker Mayo farmers take on a tyrannnical British land agent in the 1350s. Directed by Frank Launcer (T) (55909723)

3.30 Collectors' Lot Trace, the magazine dedicated to stoler antiques, a home replicating a 1930s cinema (T) (617) 4,00 Fifteen-to-One With William G Stewart

4.30 Countdown presented by Richard Whiteley (T) (6266181) 4.55 Ricki Lake Teenage mothers discuss their childhood (T) (5458549)

5.30 Animal Passions John Nettles visits Alexandra Bastedo's Sussex tarmhouse animal sanctuary (T) (988) 6.00 Party of Five Teen drama (T) (854538)

6.50 Fresh Pop (229100) 7.00 Channel 4 News (1) (353164) 7 50 Life Stories (622568)

Susannah to take a break (T) (6520) 8.30 Planet Showbiz Mark Lamarr reports on the American showbiz scene (6/8) (T)

9.00 Foreign Legion The French Foreign

break to Ron and Max tries to persuade

8.00 Brookside Bel has some bad news to



George Clooney as Ross (10.00pm)

10.00 ER: One More for the Road Last in the current series of the hospital drama. Benton longs to be a father, but will his baby survive? Greene is harassed while on the subway which leads to a shocking reaction Ross's womanising pas catches up with him (T) (1568) 11.00 Friends: The One with Two Parties

Rachel's parents turn up unexpectedly or her brithday (r) (T) (9452) 11.30 Roseanne Roseanne and Jackie are besieged by television companies after their lottery win (T) (90159)

12.00 Under the Moon Through-the-night sports magazine featuring Board Stupid at 4.00 and Transworld Sport at 4.30 5.25am-6.00 Backdate (r) (T) (4688150)

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6.00am 5 News Early (4602669) 7.30 Havakazoo (364990°) 8.00 Adventures of the Bush Patrol (8858907) 8.30 WideWorld Who Pays the Piper? How Rossellino created Pienza for Pope Pius II as a memorial to his papacy (8857278). 9.00 Espresso (7541574) 10.00 Exclusive (r) (1744075) **10.30** Fame and Fortune (18860742)

11.00 Leeza (1074810) 11.50 Double Espresso (79799177) 12.00 The Bold and the Beautiful (T) (8851094) **12.30pm** Family Atlans (r) (T) (9816015)

1.00 5 News Update (52019013) 1.05 Sunset Beach (T) (9925549) 2.00 5's Company (8572549) 3.30 For Love or Money (1984) with Gill Gerrard, Jamie Fair and Suzanne Pleshette Romantic comedy about a

couple who fall in love after appearing on a television show Directed by Terry Hughes (8029155)

5.30 100 Per Cent (7416029) 6.00 Whittle (T) (7333742) 6.30 Family Affairs Annie is surprised by Mana's emotional outbreak (T) (7324094)

7.00 Exclusive Showbiz news (T) (6560029) 7.30 Flights of Fancy: In Praise of Penguins How penguins adapt to their surroundings (T) (7320278)



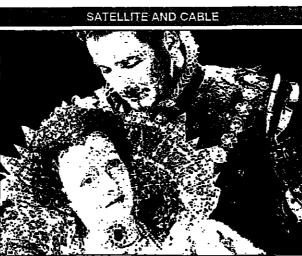
8.00 The Great Garden Game from the grounds of Castle Howard in Yorkshire Head gardener Brian Hutchinson shows Clare Bradley some of his professional challenged to create a floral anangement to decorate Vanbrugh's Temple of the Four Winds which can seen in the

grounds (T) (6473549) 8.30 5 News (T) (6485384) 9.00 Family of Strangers (1993) with Melissa FILM Drama about an adopted woman who uncovers shocking truths while searching for her real family Directed by Sheldon

Larry (99665655) 10.50 Exclusive Extra (1523758) 11.00 The Jack Docherty Show (1257094) 11.40 Tibs and Fibs Medical quiz hosted by Tony Slattery with guests Janet Street-Porter and Niall Ashdown (6400926) 12.10am Live and Dangerous Includes live basebali at 12.30 (92814230)

4.40 Prisoner: Cell Block H (3637056)

5.30 100 Per Cent (r) (6096489)



Bette Davis and Errol Flynn (TNT, 9.00pm)

(3787471) **8.30** Goof Troop (87013) **9.00** Caro Bears (3520704) **9.25** Under the Umbrella Tree (3549839) **9.50** Mulpot Rabes (6435991) **10.15** Grounding Marsh 11.05 Microscope Miton (983181) 11.05 Microscope Miton (983181) 11.05 Microscope Miton (983181) 11.10 Sg Garago (8475075) 11.25 Poch Corner (271568) 11.55 Fraggis Rock (1819617) 12.20pm Mouse Tracks (3113346) 12.45 12.20pm Mouse (1873) (3113346) 12.45 Temon and Pumbas (98708891) 1.00 Boy Meets World (82116100) 1.25 Bookey, (96650655) 1.50 Quack Pack (52407704) 2.15 Aladdin (89729075) 2.40 Care Boars (96,36520) **3.00** Little Mermad (1897443) **3.25** Timon and Pumbaa (6381320) **3.40** Goot Troop (2060075) **4.30** Everyday's a

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Unsettled Sheringham finds ally in Ince



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IF THE theme of England's early recovery and revival after adversity, Teddy Sheringham followed it to the letter here yesterday. His afternoon started with him having to explain away an incident with a fire extinguisher and ended with the promise that his talents were about to be recommended to one of Europe's most ambitious clubs.

Sheringham, who has been one of the pivotal figures in leading England back from the disappointment of losing to Italy at Wembley in February to a position of relative strength in their World Cup qualify-ing campaign, trained with the rest of the squad in the Stade de la Beaujoire as they prepared for their opening game in the Tournoi de France, against Italy, tonight.

After Glenn Hoddle, the England coach, insisted that English confi-

morale-boosting victory in Poland on Saturday that he would persist with his intention of experimenting against England's World Cup group two rivals tonight — even though Italy are likely to field a full-strength

team — all eyes turned to Sheringham. Once he had shrugged off questions about a hotel room that he was supposed to have inflicted minor damage on a few weeks ago as "a joke and a laugh", Sheringham confirmed that he had submitted a written transfer request to Tottenham Hotspur after the breakdown of negotiations with Alan Sugar, the dub chairman.

Sugar said later that he had accepted the request and that he would be "happy to see him go", a sentiment unlikely to be shared by many of the Tottenham supporters and that was distinctly at odds with the praise lavished on Sheringham by Hoddle and Paul Ince, the Internazionale midfield player.

ince has had such a fine season that Massimo Moratti, the Inter

president, is desperate to hang on to him, and Ince hinted that a move for Sheringham, allied to Inter's approaching £50 million capture of Ronaldo, the Brazil striker, could help to persuade him to stay. "I've only just heard about Teddy's situation." Ince said, "but he is a

TEAM

ENGLAND (probable, 3-5-2): T Howers (Black-burn Rovers) — J Scales (Tottenham Hotspur), G Southgate (Aston Vita), S Campbell (Tottenham Hotspur). — P Newfile (Manchester United), D Bedtham (Manchester United), P Ince (Internationale), G Le Saux (Bickburn Rovers). — E Sheringham (Totlenham Hotspur), 1 Middel (Manchester).

very clever and intelligent player and I admire him a lot. Of course I am going to mention it to Moratti. We are probably only three players away from having a championshipwinning team at Inter and, if we could get Ronaldo and Sheringham, that would be two of them."

Sheringham, 31, who may be

rested against Italy, was also linked esterday with a move to Newcastle United, which would allow him to reprise his successful England partnership with Alan Shearer at club level. The sticking point may be Tottenham's valuation of Sheringham, which is thought to be close to £6 million. Sheringham calmly made it clear that he was upset over the way that Sugar had handled the haggling over his new contract, but admitted that he had

been mulling over the possibility of

a move for some time.

They offered me a new contract last week and then withdrew it."
Sheringham said. "Apparently, it
was because I had not got back to
the chairman within 48 hours to
give him my decision. Considering that was during the build-up to England's match with South Africa. I did not think that was right. He did not even say there was only 48 hours to consider it, but he told me four days later that that was his

"I just feel it is probably the right

I am disappointed that I have not been challenging for honours because top players want to play at the top level. It is too early to say now, but I am booing there will be plenty of interest.

Hoddle, whose opportunities to experiment may be hampered by niggling injuries to Andy Cole David Beckham, Robert Lee and Paul Gascoigne, is likely to play Beckham in the central midfield position that many people feel is his natural home, if he is fit. Philip Neville may also start the match as a right-sided wing back or full back if Hoddle tries a 4-4-2 formation.

"I am not too worried about focusing on the opponents." Hoddle said. "If Italy want to put out a fullstrength team, that is up to them. To win and get off to a flier in this tournament would be smashing. but we have got to look at things that are going to help us if we get to the World Cup next year. We have got to take the chains off for

taunts of his team-mates since England's defeat to Italy, was more bullish about the prospect of facing them again and trying to achieve England's first win over them since 1977. "Before the game against Poland," he said, "I felt we had

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become a divided nation. Half the people did not believe we were going to go to Poland and win or that we could get to the World Cap. Now we have got the whole nation behind us and everybody believes in us.

The Italians would have been absolutely gutted by our result in Poland. They would have been thinking that because they only got a draw there, there was no way we could get a win. They would have been choking on their spaghetti and wish I had been there to see it."

Graf eliminated on day of drama

Coetzer unveils power to put out champion

FRENCH Open champions fell like drops of rain here yesterday. On another dramatic, beguiling and competitive afternoon. Steffi Graf succumbed in straight sets, o-1, 6-4. to the bounding. diminutive South African, Amanda Coetzer; and within the hour Yevgeni Kafelnikov, the Russian holder of the men's title, had lost his five-set battle with the Brazilian 20-year-old, Gustavo Kuerten.

If Kuerten is the wonder of this tournament, this wildly fluctuating tennis championship, then it was Coetzer who yesterday had the whole essence of what was happening before our eyes spelt out.

She came off the court into the interview room wearing a

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white T-shirt, on which she had written "Power is nothing". And then she turned around, and on the back she had scrawled "without control".

Power without control, in-deed. Little Miss Coetzer, 5ft 2in, had the measure of Graf. the most powerful and dominating presence on the female court with 21 grand-slams tournaments, including the last two on this Parisian red clay, to her credit. Very few have known the pinnacle that Graf fell from yesterday, or ever will. It is premature to suggest that the end is nigh for someone still so apparently obsessed with her sport, still

not quite 28. Yet, coming back from a knee tendon injury, coming back to her court after a threemonth absence, Graf had been overwhelmed by Coetzer, 6-0. 6-l, in Berlin last month. She knew the portent, and she spoke before the match of dictating the pace, of not allowing Coetzer into her

baseline consistency.

The main thing will be patience, with aggressiveness at the same time," Graf had forecast. Some two hours later, the German seemed quite ciency. Broken in her first service game, she was later to admit: I made a really nervous start. I felt very uncomfortable, unsure of my shots. I didn't seem to find the reach or the patience at all."

Graf is so used to winning. so used to interviews on her terms, that she really exudes. on her rare off-days, a sense of worthlessness. It is as if all her achievements were not up there on the plaques, in the record books. in the bank.

What made it even more surprising was that a rain shower offered Graf a reprieve when she trailed 3-1 in the second set. The thousands packed into the Suzanne Lenglen court had grown solemn and silent, but now they wondered whether Graf could at least make a contest of it.

that there was hope or reason. from the Graf racket.



Next for Coetzer is Iva Majoli, the Croatian who eliminated her own doubles partner, Ruxandra Dragomir, of Romania, 6-3, 5-7, 6-2 in almost 2½ hours, the first

Maioli.

Alas, even as the rain came down, this struggling champion could not convince herself She returned to at least engage Coetzer in lengthy rallies, but so seldom did she bring her opponent to the net, where loetzer is vulnerable, that inevitably the stray shots came

WITHIN hours of the latest

and most strident criticism of

him from a previous Australia

captain. Mark Taylor yester-

day received the unequivocal

backing of the man being

should he heed the advice of

lan Chappell and fall on his

Any suggestion of growing

division within the tour party

was dispelled, publicly at least, when Steve Waugh, the

vice-captain, confirmed Taylor

as a certain starter in the first

Cornhill Test, which starts at

Edgbaston tomorrow, and

proceeded to speak glowingly of the captain's ability to play

Waugh's manner was as

interesting as anything that he

said. Not generally regarded

as one of the happiest in

dealing with the press, he

mixed freely among those

brandishing microphones and

notebooks after Australia had

completed their first practice

session. At one point, he even

implored journalists to come

closer if they wished to hear

under pressure.

as his successor

grand-slam semi-final for

The other women's semifinal will be between Monica Seles who, determination personified, outlasted Mary Jo Fernandez in three sets, and Martina Hingis, who ran away with her quarter-final, b-2, b-2, against Arantxa Sánchez Vicario.

What of the men? Kuerten still laughs like a schoolboy and lasts like a man. He has seen off Thomas Muster,

Andrei Medvedev and now Kafelnikov, each time over five sets. Yet Kuerten was on the rack against the champion from Russia when he trailed by two sets to one. Kafelnikov admits he allowed his concentration to wander. "To be honest, when I won the third set. I felt the thing was going to come much, much easier."

Kafelnikov spent an awful long time wandering. The Brazilian flowed with his marvellous groundstrokes, swift and fluid, striking forehands and, less often, backhands with remarkable vision and

Next in line for Kuerten is

issued an edict that press and photographers would not be

allowed inside the nets area at

the ground in Birmingham.

He is known, though, to be far

happier within himself after

the half-century that he made

against Derbyshire at the

litness is part of preparation and Dewulf has come through three qualifying rounds to claim his place alongside Philippe Washer and Jacky Brichant, who in 1957 and 1958

were semi-finalists here. Happiness at Roland Garros is to ignore pain, to erase doubt, to mix patience with striving ambition.

leased in time for him to appear for Middlesex against

Leicestershire in the county

Warwickshire had 300 tick-

ets remaining for the first

day's play yesterday morning. The ground is sold out to its

championship today.

Coetzer enjoys her moment of triumph in the quarter-finals yesterday while Graf tries to come to terms with the rare experience of defeat

Filip Dewulf, the first Belgian

semi-finalist at Roland Garros

for almost 40 years. Dewulf

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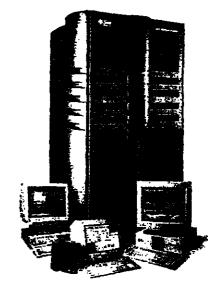
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"We have said that Mark

will play in advance so we will not get asked the question 3,000 times and can talk about something else." Waugh said. Because his form has been down, people have been on his back, which is understandable, but the fact is that he has scored 14 centuries and clearly knows how to play Test

cricket. Earlier, Chappell had said on the Today programme on BBC Radio 4 that Taylor was the wrong appointment as captain for the four and described the selection panel. somewhat brutally, as the worst he could remember. Yesterday. Taylor caused

Drugs ban for Smith PAUL SMITH, the former Warwickshire all-rounder, was yesterday banned from professional cricket for 22

months for taking cocaine. Smith appeared before the England and Wales Cricket Board disciplinary committee and was found guilty of taking an illegal substance while playing as a county

15-year career in which he scored 8.173 runs and took 283 wickets. He was contracted to play for Shropshire this season but was suspended after an article about his drug taking appeared in a Sunday

squad has been reduced to 12,

Smith said: "I had a very fair hearing, that's not to say that I didn't find the verdict Smith, 33, left Warwick-

weekend, an innings that realcapacity of 14,000 on Friday istically removed any doubt and Saturday. If it seems over his participation here. surprising that an Ashes se-In contrast, the England ries may begin in front of anything less than a full camp exuded nothing but sweemess and light. David house, then there is another Lloyd, the coach, believes that, statistic that some may feel is after the 3-0 victory in the even odder. Texaco Trophy, the country Twelve thousand tickets has a spring in its step". The

have been sold for Sunday, a significant show of faith given that the past two Tests at the ground have been completed on the third day and before lunch on the fourth, respectively

The club has been told that it faces the possibility of losing its Test status unless there is a marked improvement in the pitch and Steve Rouse, the groundsman, acknowledged that he felt under "tremendous

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